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South, Kuwait, MExico, Myanmar, Navassa, Nigeria non, North America,
Papua New Guinea, Somaliland, Sudan and non, USA, Vanuatu, Vatican

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1760, February 12-18, 2015

Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 1330	WRMI	9955	[confirmed]
Thu 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [apparently canceled]
Fri 0001	WRMI	9395	via Global 24 [confirmed]
Fri 2130	WRMI	7570 & 15770	[confirmed]
Sat 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1000	WRMI	5850	
Sat 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Sun 0200	WH2XDE-1	1750	Victor NY
Sun 0231	KVOH	9975	
Sun 2300	WRMI	11580	[confirmed]
Mon 0400v	WBCQ	5110v	Area 51
Mon 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24
Tue 1200	WRMI	9955	
Wed 0401	WRMI	9395	via Global 24
Wed 0730	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1415	WRMI	9955	
Wed 1530	HLR	7265-CUSB	Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2200	WBCQ	7490v	
Wed 2201	WRMI	9395	via Global 24
Thu 0430	WRMI	9955	[or 1761 if ready in time]

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?>

[option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de](http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de)

or directly via:

<http://bit.ly/1xD5yyn>

AND ALTERNATIVE, tnx Stephen Cooper, because RMRC was down:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

AND ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

Also via [but still not back in service]:

<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

DAY-BY-DAY ARCHIVE OF GLENN HAUSER'S LOG REPORTS:

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<http://www.hard-core-dx.com/index.php?topic=Hauser>

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dxld/>

** ABKHAZIA. Abkhazian radio broadcast increased the duration of the time and now heard every day on 1350 kHz and 0400 before fading around 0620 and in the afternoon with about 1440 to 1555. News in Russian (except on Sundays) are marked in 0530-0540, 1506-1516. The signal is much stronger than for example in Grozny on 1267 kHz, so that the transmitter AP apparently exceeds 50 kW (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, Rus

DX Feb 8 via DXLD) See also RUSSIA: says 1350 is not in Abkhazia

** ALASKA. [Re 15-05:] Glenn, please pass on my thanks for explaining my unID NAVTEX issue on 602 kHz while in Masset to Ben Dawson. That type of expert information is so very valuable, and otherwise I would have never known! 73, (Walt Salmaniw, BC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ben reads DXLD thoroughly, something more consulting engineers could benefit from (gh)

** ANGOLA. 4949.75, RNA-Canal "A", Mulenvos, 2334-..., 05/2, portadora vazia; 35433.

4949.75 idem, 1836-1948, 08/2, texto, canÁies, notici·rio das 1900, notici·rio desportivo; 35332. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5-kHz stepping thru the 60m band evenings with BFO often evidences this off-frequency one, signature, but modulation usually reported very deficient (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. LT14 1260 kHz spurious signals jammer becomes uncontrollable --- From around two years ago it is almost impossible to take DX from any station relatively far away over the city of Paran· and surroundings. An intense signal Jammer (a variable pulsed radiation between 40 and 80 cycles per minute), starts from Medium Wave station LT14 Radio General Urquiza, AM 1260 KHz transmission facilities, covering virtually the entire frequency spectrum in long, medium and short waves, making impossible to clear reception of almost all stations that have usable coverage area here, including those in the neighboring city of Santa Fe, which are only clarified in exact direction of their transmitting facilities, and hiding the weaker signals below a frightening noise floor that makes them unintelligible.

The station in question has been passed approximately two years ago at the orbit of Radio and Television Argentina Sociedad del Estado (same entity that operates LRA Radio Nacional, the LRA national network, The Public Television channel, RAE (SW), and some state Digital Television signals); once was that finally bridged their legal status, for years in abeyance due to failed privatization process in the 80's.

The station operated until about 6 years ago, with a transmitter of 15 kW built by one of their most legendary technicians, moment in which was incorporated a more modern equipment and also some technical works are conducted at J. M. Guti rrez road transmission facilities.

While always there were harmonic signals with audio at defined points

of the band of medium waves, and clear, its multiples in the tropical band and up to the 41 meter band, they only interfered with the reception of some specific stations. However from 2010 to date, interference became in form of pulsed radiation that was gradually covering almost the entire spectrum and only strongest stations "pass" to be detected clearly (LT39 of Victoria, LT10 and LT9 of Santa Fe and, of course, the same LT14 of Paran·). Up to the past year, still could be received on 305 and 405 kHz the weak non directional beacons (NDB) calls "F" and "SV0" of Sauce Viejo Airport and Fisherton Airport (from Rosario), but now the noise covers entirely LF and MF, and much of HF band, up to the 11 meters citizen band.

It's unknown the current state of the transmitting facilities and aerials of LT14, but it is known that the tower isn't adequate, because it's very old and has been there since they operated at 1320 kHz with much less power.

In "HFU" someone told me he has the same problem with one of "their" city local stations in the USA, we conclude that probably it is a issue called "Rusty bolt", i.e. interference due to passive modulation by interactions connection-disconnect between corroded parts that act as detector "diodes" making Intermodulation harmonics and rebroadcasting the unwanted signals inside and outside the band. Unfortunately, were contacted both the direction of the radio station and the RTA, without that so far we have obtained any response. We know that there is an enforcement authority, but also that it is the station of the State, sometimes made concessions in terms of compliance with the rules, so it is very difficult for someone to make cards in the issue.

Us do not wish to attack the content or the station management, and nor do it with an institution of communication in our province, but we only want to enforce the compliment of the principles often wielded in the speeches of our current authorities about that "all voices must be heard", but this should also include the right of others to hear voices different from the official voices (Mon Feb 9, 2015 9:34 am (PST). Posted by: (sandrolenart, condiglista yg via DXLD)

This was followed by the original sensible Spanish, which I would prefer to publish, except full of accent-garble as received in the digest. When I go to the condiglista archive, normally ungarbled, discover that this message, #68456, has been deleted, why? (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA: 11710.74, Radio Argentina Exterior; 0015-0027+, 7-Feb; Radio Nacional News in Portuguese to 0023+ classical guitar & Rae ID at 0027+, SIO=4+43, USB helps (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my

receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15345, RAE, 9/2 2021 UT. Hombre habla en franc s sobre el teatro Col n y la m sica de la provincia de Misiones. SINPO: 55544 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. On 2368.5 USB-mode at 1811 UT on Jan 28 poor sounds of Greek folk music, Radio Symban or Greek pirate harmonic? (Rumen Pankov, Bulgaria, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 5 Feb via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Brandon - Future for SW? --- As previously reported in the DX press, Radio Australia ended its SW transmissions on Jan 31st 2015 or was it Jan 30th? I made a recent brief enquiry about the future of the site re the SW infrastructure. The reply was that no decision has been made thus far. Antennas & transmitters are all in place and sitting idle (Ian, Feb 11, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 1300 UT: Radio Australia. 12085 kHz. Australia have already celebrated their start of 2015   the Sydney fireworks display gets a mention in the news as having happened, although by my watch (Sydney being 11 hours ahead of UT) I would assume that in fact the fireworks were still in progress. This is followed by the Triple J programme Unearthed. This is the weekday (overnight in Australia) programme consisting of 4 hours of new music and music by unsigned artists. Not my thing at all and to me seems a waste of airtime. Is there really an audience for this? (Alan Roe, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

12085, RA, 1453, 1513 3, 5 Feb. Big signals with "Triple J" programming // 12065/9580. 12065 bothered by BBC in Urdu after 1500 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, PL606  barefoot , DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15240, Feb 5 at 0647, fair signal from RA, but this semihour M-F is in Tok Pisin; we can hope this become more reliable as we get into Equinox, on the air from 21 to 09 UT on 30 degree antenna toward Alaska.

12085, 12065 and 9580 are all audible Feb 5 at 1516, with 12065 weakest as befits the 355 degree azimuth, and atop some CCI or flutter. Ivo Ivanov points out that BBC Urdu via Singapore is already on 12065 at 1500-1600. It must be awful in Asia.

This kind of collision is unforgivable --- obviously some bureaucrat at ABC who knows nothing about SW picked some existing frequencies and ordered them expanded to 12 hours a day each, no matter who else may already be using them. I suppose they disposed of Bernd Friedewald's

outsourced frequency management some time ago.

At 1803 check Feb 5, 12085 & 12065 are JBA carriers, and 9580, if any, is at imagination level (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1759, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

17840, Feb 6 at 0258, R. Australia still good signal wrapping up 'World Today', // 15240 only fair (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Surprisingly reception of Radio Australia on 17840:
0800-0805 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac French Mon-Fri
0800-0805 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English Sat/Sun
0805-0857 on 17840 SHP 100 kW / 070 deg to EPac English, videos
<http://swlidxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/surprisingly-reception-of-radio.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #895 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Feb 9, 2015 via DXLD)

** BAHRAIN. [Re 15-05:] Radio Bahrain Verification Signer? Hi! In September 2010 I received a non detailed QSL letter signed by Mr. Abdullah Al-Baloushi. The report was sent by registered mail to Box 1075, Manama, Bahrain. You can see the QSL letter here:
<http://maresmedx.blogspot.com.es/2010/09/qs1-radio-bahrain.html>
Good luck! (Artur Fernandez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, Feb 5, HCDX via DXLD)

9745, 2340 22 Radio Bahrain, Arabic songs, fair, modulated in USB (Giampiero Bernardini, RX: Elad FDM-S2 & Perseus - ANT: T2FD 15 meters long - QTH: Milano, Italia, Feb 5, playdx yg via DXLD)

Unravelling this over-condensed info, I think 22 stands for 2 Feb (gh)

** BANGLADESH. Hi Glenn, I would like to report excellent reception of Bangladesh Betar in English between 1230-1300 UT. I heard them with a Grundig Satellit 800 and 30 foot indoor longwire antenna. Reception here in Crystal River, FL on 15105 kHz was 55445. 73's (Tim Marecki, Feb 5, psw yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

15505, Feb 5 at 1358, Bangladesh Betar IS, very poor with flutter, and 5+1 mistimesignal ends at 1359:31, 29 seconds fast! Opening Urdu service with theme (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4750, BB, 1444-1506+ 5 Feb. Heard fairly well over normally dominant CNR1 (Hailar) with Bengali chat, ID, speech soundbites/commentary through TOH (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, PL606/6m X wire/ibarefooti, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``February 6`` [should be February 7]:

Bangladesh Betar HS in English to SoAs 1533 on 4750 Shavar
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxB5lUGYfBQ&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Feb 9 at 1359, tune-in BB just in time to hear mistimesignal ending at 1359:31.5 to open Urdu service; just barely audible.

15505, Feb 10 at 1359:05, BB IS starts on carrier already running, and mistimesignal ends at 1359:32, then opening Urdu (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.28 approx., Feb 7 at 0106, Radio Pío Doce with Andean music, very poor, but always circa this split frequency. Usually reported more like 5952.44 as on Feb 1 by Bob Wilkner, but that would have required four more 40 Hz clix on my DX-398 compared to WWV 5000.000 kHz. Yet my indirect method is likely less accurate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA. 6025, R. PATRIA NUEVA, 9/2 0640 UT. Música en español, i.e.: Cabas - Ya no eres mi bonbon y una canción folclórica de Los Kjarkas. A las 0650, se da hora local: ¡o dos y cincuenta minutos...!. Después de un silencio prolongado, se emiten noticias acerca del departamento de Oruro y un resumen del discurso de Evo Morales hasta las 0656, cuando se identifica como: "Red Patria Nueva, la voz del estado plurinacional de Bolivia" junto al ID: "Escuchas, Red Patria Nueva". A las 0658 se vuelve a la música en español. SINPO: 44544 con QRM de R. Martí en 6030 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6135, R. SANTA CRUZ, 10/2 0020 UT. Noticias del departamento de Santa Cruz y sobre elecciones en Marzo en La Paz. SINPO: 54554 con sobremodulación (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. 4930, VOA (Selebi-Phikwe), 1547+ 5 Feb. Larry London's music programme popping up briefly // 15580 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA, PL606/6m X wire/ibarefootí, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Longpath

** BRAZIL. BRASIL --- I am progressing well with the Brasil work. Yet again ANATEL surprises me. By tinkering with the menu options I found the base for all technical detail. I doubt whether ANATEL would approve of me placing a direct link into that section of the mwmasts site but here it is:

SRD - SISTEMA DE CONTROLE DE RADIODIFUSÃO - [SIS vers.,o 2.2.62]
<http://sistemas.anatel.gov.br/srd/TelaListagem.asp?>

PagSRD=DescSistema&op=5&SISQsmodulo=9431

The idea (thanks to aggressive advertising now hiding the link) is to click on the "view on" part. From there I have found the correct location for the 115M monopole serving ZYH-755 on 540 kHz. The mast is at 16 42 57S 49 14 42W. At last we have full technical stuff on each station under one module of the ANATEL website. The information also covers arrays and hours of broadcast. I will now be able to fill in many blanks. Enjoy. 73 and 88 (Dan Goldfarb, Feb 11, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

From there you will be able to bring up the SW stations in any town and if you pick "Incluir" from the top dropdown you should be able to bring up complete technical information. I tried 9695 in Manaus and the results were brilliant. I expect that this will help Ian and others to improve details on SW sites in Brasil. 73 (Dan Goldfarb, shortwave sites yg via DXLD)

After further investigation I now realise that a shorter link i.e SRD - SISTEMA DE CONTROLE DE RADIODIFUSÃO - [SIS vers.,o 2.2.62] <http://sistemas.anatel.gov.br/SRD/TelaListagem.asp> works properly. The other one was descending down too many layers! 73 (Dan Goldfarb, ibid.)

Hi Dan, Thank you for the posting. I checked out the definitely unknown (recently active) SW sites in Brazil using your links. Unfortunately for the sites in question, the pages provide the exact (vague) coordinates as the other SRD pages. That said, for the known sites/freqs with detailed material, the pages do provide much more txer, antenna & feeder information :-). We're still stuck with no tx site coordinate data (or other specifics) for:

BRAZIL Belém R·dio Cultura do Par· - 5045 kHz
BRAZIL Congonhas R·dio Congonhas - 4775 kHz
BRAZIL Manaus R·dio Cultura Ondas Tropicais - 4845 kHz
BRAZIL Xapuri R·dio Educ. 6 de Agosto - 3255 kHz

I didn't find location Tefé - R·dio EducaÁ,,o Rural - 4925 kHz (Ex 3385) in there, but I didn't look for long either (Ian, swsites via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4885, Feb 8 at 0313, just as I tune by, ``Belém, Par·``, easiest log ever, from ZY's #1 signal on 60m, but only fair at best (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 5035, R. APARECIDA, 9/2 0756 UT. Avisos de la orden redentorista e ID cantado de: "R·dio Aparecida" y luego un locutor avisa sobre la oraciûn de las 6 de la mañana - hora local - junto a

música sertaneja. A las 8 UT, un sacerdote reza y saluda a la "Rede católica de rádios" y luego lee el evangelio del día. SINPO: 55444. (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 5939.704, Voz Missionaria, Camboriú, SC, modern Brazilian music, wonder it was real religious program? Signal heard at 0539 UT.

5964.977, R Transmundial (RTM), Santa Maria RS, weak and tiny signal on threshold level in Alberta, Canada.

5970.011, R Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte, MG, phone-in program in BrazPort, S=6 or -89dB signal, but could be follow on "Patria" program at 0540 UT.

[and non] 6135, bad mixture, strong hold BBC Hausa program from Ascension relay, but also annoying heterodyne tone from adjacent 6135.250 kHz tentative Brazilian Rádio Aparecida station. 0556 UT (Wolfgang Benschel, Morning log Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 6180.004, RNA only EMPTY carrier on air at 0559 UT. S=7-8 signal at -82dBm level (Wolfgang Benschel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 9724.953, R RB2 in Port/Braz, only poor S=6 signal in Australia receiver on Feb 9 at 0853 UT (Wolfgang Benschel, log of Feb 9 at 0815-0902 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Sydney, NSW, Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL [and non]. 11712, Feb 6 at 0310, second-order extremely distorted crackling spur from RNA 11780.1v is centered about here, QRMing neighbour Radiodifusión Argentina al Exterior during presumed English broadcast, but too poor to tell, with this added to the 11710 het against RAE always off-frequency closer to 11711. As always, the first-order RNB/RNA spurs are even stronger, now centered approx. 11747 and 11813.

11747 & 11813, Feb 7 at 0646, crackling spurs from 11780.1v, RNA/RNB; circa 11713 also an occasional modulation spike spur; these being only approx. peaks with no carriers to pin.

11747 & 11813, Feb 8 at 03027, crackling spurs, but none heard circa 11714.

11713-11714, Feb 9 at 0433, second-order extremely distorted spur from

mostly music 11780.1v, RNA/RNB, peaks in this area, while hi side match circa 11846 is JBA; first-orders of course even worse and roughly equal circa 11747-11748 and 11812-11813; determined by 1-kHz stepping on the DX-398.

11780.1v, Feb 9 at 0557, now RNA/RNB is in dead air! So blessed relief, no spurs to mis-modulate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11780, RNAMA, 10/2 2233 UT. Locutores hablan de cifras y discuten entre sí. El audio tiene cortes y sobremodulación durante 10 minutos. SINPO: 55454 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

11745 & 11815, Feb 11 at 0119, crackling spurs from 11780.1v RNA/RNB are audible but very poor level; probably building up later at night (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11935-, Feb 7 at 0126, ``R-dio R-B Dois, AM 14-30`` ID. With BFO, compared to WWV 10 MHz and stepping 5 kHz up and down around 11935, this station is a smidgin on the lo side, probably less than 40 Hz. And now we know the gender of the ``2`` in its name, masculine; why? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Perhaps masculine is the default when there's no particular reason to be either; despite the fact that the female gender is primary, genetically: the first sex, contrary to male chauvinists (gh)

** BRAZIL. 5035.08, R. EducaÁ,,o Rural, Coari AM, 2236-2249, 06/2, propag. relig., ID, ¢s 2246, rubrica de mensagens, ¢s 2248; 34321, QRM do B, em 5035, e espalhamento de CUBA, em 5040.

5939.7, R. Voz Mission-ria, Cambori` SC, 2214-2229, 06/2, entrevistas durante progr. de propag. relig.; 34422.

5939.75 idem, 2232-2244, 08/2, propag. relig.; 34332, QRM adjacente.

5970, R. Itatiaia, Belo Horizonte MG, 2238-2245, 08/2, an'ncios comerciais; 24331, QRM adj. e no mesmo canal.

9586.95, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 2241-2250, 05/2, propag. relig.; 35332.

9630, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 1919-1930, 06/2, progr. Cantinho Sertanejo, seguindo-se-lhe o bloco de notícias O Jornal dos Jornais, ¢s 1900; 25432.

9645.4, R. Bandeirantes, S,,o Paulo SP, 2135-2145, 08/2, futebol;

32431, QRM adjacente.

9664.7, R. Voz Missionária, Camboriú SC, 1922-1932, 06/2, rubrica musical; 24432, QRM adjacente.

9695 R.Rio Mar, Manaus AM, 1925-1952, 06/2, anúncios de programa, ID e anúncio das freqs., ao que se seguiu o que julgo tratar-se de um programa, A Tarde É Nossa, e não de uma mera exclamação no decurso da emissão; 24432, QRM adj., de 9700.

9819.8, R. 9 de Julho, São Paulo SP, 1933-1942, 06/2, missa; 35432.

11764.7, SRDA, Curitiba PR, 2009-2016, 06/2, propag. relig. com tradução de frases para castelhano; 45444.

11855.1, R. Aparecida, Aparecida SP, 1936-1951, 06/2, anúncio do progr. de sábado Panorama e, já 1930, o noticiário O Jornal dos Jornais; 35443.

11894.9, R. Boa Vontade, Pt. Alegre RS, 2024-2039, 06/2, propag. relig. acompanhada de fundo de música clássica; 35332.

11935, R. RB2, Curitiba PR, 1940-2005, 06/2, anúncios comerciais, informações várias, recitação do terço, já 2000; 43432, QRM adjacente.

15190.1, R. Inconfidência, Belo Horizonte MG, 2007-2037, 06/2, anúncios de programa e das freqs., ao que se seguiu a 2.ª parte de A Hora do Fazendeiro; 45444.

15190.1, idem, 1315-1515, 07/2, noticiário, ..., canções; 15331. Sinal melhorado, pelas 1400. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETBROD, Additional frequency of Brother Stair TOM on February 3:

0800-1552 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu, videos with start/end of TOM

1600-1700 on 9930 HBN 100 kW / 270 deg to SEAs, but 50 sec before Secretbrod

1600-1655 on 11600 SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs, instead of BVB Farsi, videos

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/brother-stair-tom-on-11600-khz.html>

Global 24 Music and EU News Network, instead of TOM on Feb. 5:

1345-1500 on 11600*SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Global 24 Music, instead of TOM

1500-1515 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu EU News Network, instead of TOM

1515-1550 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English TOM, as
scheduled B-14:
*not parallel 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm English Global 24 of
Okeechobee
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/global-24-music-and-eu-news-network.html>

February 5:
Global 24 Music, instead of Brother Stair 1400 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Po-yMCLi0CI&feature=youtu.be>

Global 24 Music, instead of Brother Stair 1430 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=heGgZnoHoQU&feature=youtu.be>

Global 24 Music, instead of Brother Stair 1445 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmHwJZR7m5E&feature=youtu.be>

EU News Network, instead of Brother Stair 1500 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KyxrVHwK2Ac&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English 1515 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjkbM3Z142E&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English 1520 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a2I-5BIQKR8&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English 1549 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJLSXBNGuU&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)
see also SOUTH CAROLINA [non]

SECRETBROD, Part 2: EU News Network, instead of TOM on February 6
0801-0815 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English EU News
Network
0815-0817 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu transmitter off & on
again
from 0817 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English Brother Stair
TOM:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/part-2-eu-news-network-instead-of-tom.html>

Part 3 - EU News Network, instead of BS TOM on Feb. 6:
1300-1315 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English EU News
Network
1315-1400 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English BS TOM + video
from 1400 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English BS TOM
continues
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/part-3-eu-news-network-instead-of-bs.html>

Part 4 - EU News Network, instead of BS TOM on Feb. 6:

1500-1515 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English EU News Network

1516-1517 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English SPL announcement

1517-1550 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English BS TOM continues

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/part-4-eu-news-network-instead-of-bs.html>

SECRETLAND. Updated schedule of Brother Stair TOM via Secretbrod:

0800-1300 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Mon-Fri*

1300-1550 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Daily*, off at 1400 UT February 8

* including EU News Network xx00-xx15 at 0800, 1000, 1300, 1500 Monday and Friday

More videos from Monday, February 9 will be uploaded later today or tomorrow. 73!

Brother Stair TOM and EU News Network via Secretbrod on 11600, more videos on Feb.9:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/updated-schedule-of-brother-stair-tom.html>

Updated schedule of Brother Stair TOM and EUNN via Secretbrod:

0800-1300 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Mon-Fri*

1300-1550 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Daily*

* including EU News Network xx00-xx15 at 0800, 1000, 1300, 1500 Mon-Fri, not Mon/Fri

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/updated-schedule-of-brother-stair-tom.html>

[WORLD OF RADIO 1760]

February 6:

EU News Network, instead of Brother Stair 0801 on 11600 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ize4Vvx4v0A&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 0815 on 11600 Secretbrod, 50 sec delay from 11580 Okeechobee

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVUR7VLx4i8&feature=youtu.be>

EU News Network, instead of Brother Stair 1313 on 11600 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GD4m15uBla8&feature=youtu.be>

EU News Network, instead of Brother Stair 1500 on 11600 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NsM0zS5Hrcw&feature=youtu.be>

EU News Network, instead of Brother Stair 1507 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pmJ71oUS794&feature=youtu.be>

EU News Network, instead of Brother Stair 1514 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AV7ZXAS16q4&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English 1516 on 11600 Secretbrod plus SPL
announcement
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=54Pg6HvMzzw&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

``February 6`` [should be February 7]:
Brother Stair in English 1301 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbEy8G8p1mQ&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

February 8:
Brother Stair in English 1300 on 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N5bS2AKjefc&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair in English is off, VIRI IRIB in Japanese 1410 on 11600
Kamalabad
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=azvjHeZmWw&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BULGARIA. SECRETLAND, KBS World Radio in German on third harmonic
via Secretbrod
1900-2000 on 5905 SCB 100 kW / 306 deg to WeEu + 3rd hx 17715, videos
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/kbs-world-radio-in-german-on-third-hx.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, presumably Feb 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. February 5:
Voice of Khmer M'Chas Srok in Khmer to SEAs 1156 on 17860 Dushanbe
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BXP2tKoccxc&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 2598 & 2749-USB decommissioned? Hi Bill, Random chex
evenings here have not turned up any of the marine weather broadcasts
on these frequencies. I believe they were about to be decommissioned
this year, so have they been now? 73, Glenn Hauser (Feb 9 to William
Hepburn, of <http://www.dxinfocentre.com/mb.htm> via DXLD) Hi Glenn, All
USCG wx on 2670 kHz has been decommissioned, but as far as I know the
Canadians are still on. Heard RiviÈre au Renard simulcast on both
frequencies the other night (Bill Hepburn, Feb 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6070, 1 Hz lower side of proper domestic service signal
CFRX Toronto Canada, S=8-9 or -74dBm, talk by two men about 25

different stories inside companies (Wolfgang B. schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Fresh SV Imagery: CFVP (Canada) --- New Sept 2014 SV imagery (from Google dudes) of the CFVP TX site. Can now just barely see the (thin) SW vertical antenna near the STL mast. The SW antenna when viewed on GE is I believe some 20m from the tx hut at an azimuth of ~300 degrees from true north.

New SV CFRX --- Also new Street View imagery (Sept 2014) of the bent CFRX antenna.

SV CKZN St. John's (New 2013 imagery) --- I reported back in 2009 that there was new SV imagery for CKZN. SV imagery resolution from that era wasn't the best. I'm pleased to report that new SV imagery dated May/June 2013 around the CBC CKZN site now enables one to clearly see the four SW support masts, the guy wires & feeder to the SW antenna.

Interestingly when looking at the SV imagery on Google Maps (GM) that the Google folk have decided to delete the earlier (lower resolution) 2009 era SV imagery.

Sackville - Many SV Updates --- Now 5 (4 historical + 1 current) lots of SV imagery of the former RCI Sackville site. The 2013 era imagery is much better than the first 2009 images of the site (Ian, Feb 5, SWSites YG via DXLD)

** CANADA. CKND-2 gone, Probably last June or July ---
<http://globalnews.ca/news/1302654/watch-365-metres-up-manitoba-crew-installing-high-definition-transmitter/>
(W Hepburn, Ont, Jan 30, WTFDA gg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

It had to happen. This ch 2 analog station in Manitoba had been one of our most-seen sporadic E stations (once the Americans were out of the way) (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Canada TV moratorium in effect --- Just came across this tidbit: effective immediately (actually Dec 18/2014) there is a moratorium on TV applications in Canada - new or changes to existing. Well that'll put a damper on changing any remaining analogs to digital!!

Reason is because Canada is waiting to see what will happen with USA TV auction and would like to make the same changes here.
<http://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf10891.html>

Moratorium section:

10. Moratorium on New Applications for Licensing

As a result of the considerations and potential changes raised in this consultation, and the possible significant reorganization of the services in the TV broadcasting bands, the Department is now placing a moratorium on new applications for licensing in the TV broadcasting bands. It is expected that the moratorium will be in place until the revised TV allotment plan, spectrum utilization policies for radiocommunication services, and technical and regulatory rules for the TV broadcasting bands become available. Once this process is complete, the licensing moratorium will be lifted on some or all of these services.

Decision 2:

Effective immediately, the Department will no longer accept the following types of applications:

- * new applications for TV broadcasting certificates for all classes of TV stations;
- * applications for modification of an existing TV broadcasting certificate resulting in increasing the coverage in any direction or changing the operating channel;
- * new applications for licensing of RRBS stations;
- * applications for modification of an existing RRBS station which would increase the coverage in any direction or change operating frequencies; and
- * new applications for licensing for low-power apparatus (i.e. wireless microphones and cameras).

(via W. Hepburn, Jan 30, WTFDA gg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

** CHILE. 7550, RCW, 7/2, 02 UT. Emisi n de m sica de los a os 50's y 60's en ingl s. SINPO: 45444. A las 0410 da ID de despedida en varios idiomas (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA. 5000, BPM time station - Xi'an, Feb 4, 0107-0110. Good signal with no fading into Perseus+Loop on 1000 Hz subcarrier (upper side band only) carrying second pulses. Distinct difference from usual WWV/WWVH tone pattern. Subcarrier was gone on recheck when transmitter site was well into daylight around 0500-0510 UT (Mark Clark, Tecsun PL-880 with stock whip(PL-880), Tecsun PL-380 with stock whip(PL-380), Perseus SDR with Wellbrook ALA-1530S+ loop antenna (Perseus+Loop), NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD) Weren't BPM pips a semisecond out of synch with real time as provided by WWV/WWVH? (gh, DXLD)

** CHINA. CHINA NET BLOCKING MOVES SIGNAL LARGER WEB CRACKDOWN

Full text of this VOA News story by Doug Bernard:

<http://www.voanews.com/content/china-net-blocking-moves-signal-larger-web->

crackdown/2625011.html

(via VOA Radiogram via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

[jammer logs first, in chronological order:]

** CHINA. 11100, CNR1, 1/30, 1130. M in Chinese. Fair. No OB CNR stations heard during previous hour. Strong //s on 9200, 9230, 9380, 9320. Nothing on higher frequencies, tho propagation dropping off above 13 MHz. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6125 // 6075, 6145, 7305, 7365, 7385, 11720, and 11945. CNR1, Feb 4 at 1603-1617. Music, choral singing and what seems to be Chinese popular music. Musical background for all commentary, mostly by a female announcer. Likely from Beijing. Good to excellent signal on all frequencies, some of which are, no doubt, intended to jam other broadcasters.

7415, Feb 4 at 1657-1700. CRI/CNR iFiredrakeî jamming. Can just hear what is probably RFA under the jamming between musical pieces. Very strong jamming signal (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

9230, Feb 5 at 1349, CNR1 jammer fair, and 9200 very poor. No time for full band search up to 19 MHz (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6145, Feb 5 at 1615-1620. CNR1. Strong signal with music and female commentator. Likely jamming. // 7300, 7385, 11720 (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

9200, CNR1, 2/6, 1030. M and W in Chinese, VG. //s heard on 9155 (and under a Cuban HM-01 ### station), 11100 (Fair), 11430, (Good). Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 9455, Crash & Bang Chinese music jammer; 1934, 6-Feb; // 9355; no other audio on either. Both still going at 2000, but weaker. Both still going at 2134; 9455 now has competing Chinese audio -- presume Radio Free Asia in Chinese from Marianas -- not heard in the prior checks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time!

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9455, Firedrake at 2045 (Feb 6) with non-stop Chinese music. RFA-Saipan in Chinese barely audible underneath. S9 (Mike Bryant, KY ñ Online remote RX320D in NY, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 17690, Crash & Bang Chinese music jammer; 0204:37*, 7-Feb; No candidates listed at this time -- Radio Free Asia in Chinese via Marianas listed at *03; possibly a premature ejammulation (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9350, Firedragon, 2/7 1145. No others heard on bandscan, or CNR1s operating OB either. Propagation pretty much dead above 22 meters. Very Good, and off at 1200. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 9530, Crash & Bang Chinese music jammer; 1402, 7-Feb; Co-channel Chinese audio; VoA in Chinese via Philippines listed (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7415, Firedragon, 2/7, 1545. Strong OC right up to ToH and Firedragon music. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9455, Feb 7 at 2034, Firedragon, poor with heavy flutter
9355, Feb 7 at 2034, Firedragon, JBA, but // 9355. These now seem to be our best chance to hear this kind of jamming rather than CNR1 programming; both vs. Radio Free Asia, Saipan, unheard.

Firedragon? Yes, as David Kernick has suggested, this is more culturally apt than Firedrake (Peking Duck?), so I'm going to start calling it that now. I doubt that either would mean anything to the ChiCom, if they have any name at all for this particular raucous jammusic. There could however be a play on ideographs we would not get unless it were explained. How about it, native Chinese? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Definition of FIREDRAKE: a fire-breathing dragon especially in Germanic mythology

Origin of FIREDRAKE: Middle English firdrake, from Old English

fy0rdraca, from fy0r + draca dragon, from Latin draco ó more at dragon
First Known Use: before 12th century
<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/firedrake>
Posted by: (Mauno Ritola, dxldyg via DXLD)

Ah, yes, as an amateur astronomer, quite inactive, I should have thought of Draco. Yet this stuff is hardly Germanic, so let's stick with Firedragon. As for how this got confused with male ducks, Wiktionary says of drake:

``Etymology 1 --- From Middle English drake ("male duck, drake"), from Old English *draca, abbreviated form for Old English *andraca ("male duck, drake", literally "duck-king"), from Proto-Germanic *anudrekû ("duck leader"), from Proto-Germanic *anudz ("duck, ennet"; see ennet) + Proto-Germanic *rekû ("ruler, king"), from Proto-Indo-European *re?- ("chief, king"). Cognate with Middle Dutch andrake ("drake"), Middle Low German antreke, antdrake, ("male duck, drake"; > Low German drake ("drake")), Old High German anutrehho, antrache ("male duck, drake"; > German Enterich ("drake")), Swabian Antrech ("drake"), German dialectal Drache ("drake"). More at ennet.``
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

EAST JAMMERSTAN: 7495, Crash & Bang Chinese music jammer; 2110, 7-Feb; Radio Free Asia in Chinese via Marianas listed (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15295, Feb 7 at 2342-2350. Likely CNR1 in Chinese covering up iSound of Hopeî clandestine broadcast. Jamming was effective. Very strong signal.

13820, Feb 8 at 0023-0031. Sounds like CNR1 jamming, possibly of clandestine broadcast of iSound of Hopeî from Taiwan. Fluttery signal, generally weaker and of poor quality, unlike normal CNR1 jamming attempts heard here. Male and Female alternating commentators (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

CNR1 jammers, Feb 9 morning:

16920, Feb 9 at 1346, CNR1 jammer, poor with flutter
Started bandscan after getting CRI EAST TURKISTAN [q.v.] on 17650, but not much else found, none in the 14s, 13s, 12s, 10s, only:
15265, Feb 9 at 1349, CNR1 jammer, with usual het from off-frequency Taiwan target, and not synch with 16920
11655, Feb 9 at 1355, CNR1 jammer, very good with flutter // 15265

[and non]. 17585, Feb 10 at 1449, CNR1 jammer, fair with flutter, and its target is also audible under, i.e. VOA Tibetan via Lampertheim, GERMANY during this hour only, per Aoki.

15745, Feb 10 at 1451, CNR1 jammer, fair with flutter, // 17585 but no target audible, which is also VOA Tibetan, but via Thailand.
No jammers heard in the 16s, 14s, 13s (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7469.876, RFA Ulan Bataar Tibetan service, usual MNG odd frequency, but equal audio covered by FireDragon drums and chimes jamming music from mainland China secret services on even 7470.0 kHz channel
(Wolfgang B.schel, circa 12 UT Feb 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CNR1 jammers, morning of Feb 11, total of 14 heard:

15940, Feb 11 at 1435, CNR1 jammer, very poor with flutter
15745, Feb 11 at 1436, CNR1 jammer, fair with flutter
16920, Feb 11 at 1439, CNR1 jammer, poor with flutter, stronger than 15940 and not synchronized
14870, Feb 11 at 1440, CNR1 jammer, good with flutter // 15940
14980, Feb 11 at 1441, CNR1 jammer, fair with flutter // 14870
12045, Feb 11 at 1442, CNR1 jammer, good with flutter, not synch with others; and none in the 13s
11500, Feb 11 at 1444, CNR1 jammer, poor, not synchronized with 14870
10870, Feb 11 at 1445, CNR1 jammer, good with flutter, ditto
9680, Feb 11 at 1447, CNR1 jammer, not synch with 10870
9530, Feb 11 at 1448, CNR1 jammer, not synch with 10870, and
Firedragon music also mixed in with VOA Chinese
9200, Feb 11 at 1449, CNR1 jammer, poor, not synch 10870
7445, Feb 11 at 1450, CNR1 jammer, good with CCI, not synch 10870
7385, Feb 11 at 1450, CNR1 jammer, good with flutter, ditto
6145, Feb 11 at 1451, CNR1 jammer, fair, ditto; so 10870 the odd one
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 5915, Feb 11 at 1316 poor signal with a song. Nice if it were Myanmar, but fat chance of that with CRI Russian via Hohhot also here this hour, even tho aimed 345 degrees, with 100 kW.

5925, Feb 11 at 1318, poor signal in Chinese with hum, not // 6125 CNR1. Aoki shows 5925 is CNR5 at 1000-1705 in Chinese, 100 kW, 163 degrees from Beijing 491 site. WRTH identifies fifth program as Zhonghua News Radio or Voice of Zhonghua (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. 13650, CUBA, CRI (via Havana), 2/8 2340, W in Spanish [sic; it's Portuguese] and clobbering NHK Japan Vietnamese service. Another battle of the bands, with China / Cuba winning today. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8,

Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA [and non]. 5910+, Feb 9 at 0414, HJDH on with music, poor signal, slightly on the hi side. Didn't stay for ID, whether Conciencia and/or Alcarav·n this time. It's missing a lot, or when on, at the 'wrong' hours making a LAH with major stations, such as at 0432, when NHK in Russian eastward via LITHUANIA at 0430-0500 is nevertheless more than a match for HJDH; much worse is ROMANIA at 01-03 in Romanian to North America. Also 0641-0659 M-F, TWR Polish via AUSTRIA. Otherwise clear all night except for VOA Radiogram Saturdays at 0930-1000 from Greenville. But you never know when the Puerto Lleras transmitters will be on or off.

6010+, Feb 9 at 0414, the other HJDH which IDs only as La Voz de tu Conciencia, with non // music and Spanish preaching, similar signal level, and at 0432 continuing with no CCI, not even a het tho this one is also slightly on the hi side. Both listed as 5 kW in WRTH 2015 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5910.058, hopping some 4 Hertz up and down, Colombian modern Latin American music station, station name ?Alcarav·n? Radio, -- a lot of different ID's mentioned in DX press lately. 0537 UT Feb 9.

[and non]. 6010, two signals mixture. very close nearby CLM 6010.034 kHz, and another weaker signal like Brazilian? 6010.045 kHz channel, at 0545 UT (Wolfgang B·schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO. -Brazzaville, 6115, R. Congo, Brazzaville, 1750-1820, 08/2, dialecto local, texto, ID em francs, notici·rio "Le Journal", s 1800; 34432, QRM adjacente. 73, (Carlos Gonalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CONGO DR. -Kinshasa, 5066.3, R.Tl Candip, Bunia, 2002-2009, 07/2, m'sica pop' africana; 25331. Um enorme contraste com o sinal captado em Jan'15. 73, (Carlos Gonalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 870, Radio Reloj, Bueycito, Granma. 0112 February 6, 2015. Wobbling big time, atop WWL. Not sure if this one has wobbled in the past and I just Brian Williams misremember.

1000, Radio Guam·, Pinar del Ro. 1209 February 1, 2015. Great, this one is a wobbling source now, sporadic, through co-channel XEOY. Parallel non-wobbling 990 and 1070.

1310, Radio Enciclopedia, Nueva Gerona, Isla de la Juventud. 0044

February 5, 2015. Big signal with the usual EZL instrumental knockoffs, female ID. Weak co-channel unidentified black gospel vocals station and the usual unidentified 1309.88 or so het, with no trace of the Oldies format and the Nostalgia format unidentified stations I've been chasing here (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 10715, HM-01 ### station, 2/8, 2200. Usual with digital and synthesized vox. That same curious pause at :21 reported by me and others, lasting until the BoH (resuming: 28). I need to record this and compare to see if this is, in fact, the same message that is being repeated on the various skeds. VG signal level. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. 6060, 0612, R Havana Cuba. DX program, Mailbag: 11200 letters in 1 month, English, 453, 19/01 (Alan Pennington, Caversham, Berkshire, AOR 7030+ / LW, Beverage, ALA1530, / Sony 7600GR, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

What is the point of formatting logs such that the time is at one end and the date at the other??? As several log reports do, not just this one. Keith Perron, who was inside RHC for a while, has already debunked such figures (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

9790, Feb 6 at 0306, CRI English relay with usual bigsig but modulation is quite low with hum.

11670, Feb 7 at 0047, surprised at how weak RHC is here in Spanish, MUF/fadeout? But // 11760 is still inbooming; how come?

As an outlaw station, RHC refuses to participate in HFCC, but Aoki shows alleged powers and azimuths. At this time, 11670 is listed as 100 kW ND, while 11760 is 250 kW at 160 degrees, i.e. away from us much like 9955 WRMI.

6100, Sunday Feb 8 at 0701, RHC opening weekly Esperanto, with frequencies for the three broadcasts, this one as ``6000``, which has been used before, but 6100 is on the sked now. 6000 is still on the air, however, at 0703 with unscheduled Spanish, while 6165, 6060 and 5040 are all off.

17730, Feb 8 at 1437, RHC AWOL from here, not propagation as 17790 WRMI is in as well as usual; by 1520, 17730 is on. At 1504, I find 11950 & 11860 are on with dead air, while 11760, 9820, 9640, 15370 modulate, and perhaps 15230. 11860 is supposed to quit at 1500, 11950 and 1400 but stays on another hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

5040, RHC, crackling audio, NOT clean signal feed, S=9+15dB at 0520 UT.

6000, RHC English service // 6060 6100 6165. S=9+20dB -53dBm signal strength in Alberta Canada. Rumba music, wideband 5990 to 6010 kHz during trumpet performings, even adjacent BBC Ascension relay 6005 kHz signal covered.

6060, RHC English \\ 6000, 6100, 6165, 6050 to 6070 kHz wideband signal, nice Latin American music, Cuban Felina Gonzales singer performing.

6100, RHC English, Latin American music program, S=9+20dB -83dBm strength in Alberta, Canada. Felina Gonzales album singer of 1980-1990 era, Felina did win Cali Colombia singer festival, tropical music album item of "Flores...". Signal also wide range 6090-6110 kHz. Annoying - but channel with crackling scratchy sound, seemingly very bad final transmitter tube in use these days? Noted at 0554 UT.

6165, RHC English music program end at 0558 UT Feb 9, wide range signal during trumpet music, peak signals in 6151 to 6174 kHz freq range. Strongest in Alberta S=9+25dB -52dBm proper strength (Wolfgang B.schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6000, UT Tue Feb 10 at 0640, RHC English is undermodulated here; 6100 modulation is breaking up, but 6165, 6060 and 5040 are overkill OK, as ``Ed Newman`` introduces `Focus on Africa` which he says in on alternate Mondays, and plugs the frequency for Africa (but not now), 11880 (Glenn Hauser,, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. ARGENTINA, 6060, Radio Argentina Exterior (presumed) 2353 Feb 10, Very weak into PL-880 and becoming stronger, hoping to get ID when Radio Habana Cuba fires up its transmitter at 2355, 5 minutes before their own schedule and not just a carrier; but with over modulation, ID and sounding like they were beginning their program schedule. I don't know what they did next because I tuned away in disgust.

For a station that professes caring and sympathy for their neighbors (with the exception of the US), they don't seem to have any qualms crushing their fellow countries' SW signal (Mark Clark, Lancaster County PA, dxldyg via DXLD)

6060 has been a RHC evening frequency for half a century, and Argentina has been there for decades as well. The clash is nothing

new. Usually Argentina has been too weak to bother RHC in NA. Early mornings in NA (after local midnight) have been the best time to hear Argentina in the clear on 6060 (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, ibid.)

9710, Feb 11 at 0640, good and steady signal with open carrier/dead air; what else but RHC, not turned off at 0600? 15230, which alone is scheduled to run until 0700, has been very poorly audible in Spanish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [non]. 9490, R. REPUBLICA, 8/2 0154 UT. Avisos de la emisora y de un microprograma: 'voz de libertad' y salida del aire a las 02. SINPO: 45444. Atte, (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

! Notice the I of SINPO is 5 == absolutely no interference; we hear heavy noise jamming here vs the site in FRANCE. I thought it was staying on now until 0300 (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** CZECHIA. CZECH REPUBLIC, 1233 kHz QSL Card:
[some Czech diacritics don't copy properly here:]
Dobre rano, Jsem Nemec a z t v Madarsku. Je mi pouze 65 let.
Posloucham va  prehl dce t mer kazd  den. Jen j  nelze p mo v s, jakmile jsem si e-mailovou adresu, e-mailem, kliknete na nej neco jin ho. Ted' na mou ot zku. Chtel bych z skat QSL l stek od v s.adresu, na kterou mohu poslat sv  prij mac  sestavy? Na kr tkou pozn mku bych velmi vdecn . Vase hudba je  zasn . Nech m na tyci, nebo prelozit pomoc  Google Translate. Jeste jednou v m dekuji. Pokud dostanu odpoved' j  mohu pouz t zpr vu v nemeck m klubu? QTH Bardudvarnok / HNG, RX AOR 7030, 30 m LW (Horst Mehrlich, Hungary, A-DX Febr 2 via BC-DX 5 Feb via DXLD)

Answer of Radio Dechovka:

Dear Mr. Mehrlich, We accept reception reports on our email address and we send QSL e-cards. The project of Radio Dechovka is fully subsidized and we are trying to reduce costs to minimum. That is why we haven't got printed QSL cards. In case we receive reception report to our post address and it includes IRC (international reply coupon) then we print and send our eQSL with original stamp and sign.

Our post mail address is

Radio Dechovka
U Prutn ku 232
250 72 Predboj
Czech Republic

Kind Regards

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(Jana Pusov., Czechia / Radio Dechovka Feb 2, BC-DX 5 Feb via DXLD)

** DENMARK. Front Page: This QSL card received by CG [Christian Ghibaud, Nice & Tende, France] for reception of Danmarks Radio from Kalundborg on 243 kHz long wave. It shows that there are still stations to hear and report on long wave.

Danmark Radio's Longwave transmitter is on the air daily carrying weather reports and news bulletins at 0445-0505, 0700-0805, 1045-1135, 1645-1710 UTC. Reception reports are welcome and should be sent to Jens Christian Seeberg, Teracom, Banestrige 19-21, DK 2630 Taastrup, Denmark or jens.seeberg@teracom.dk (Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** DIEGO GARCIA [non log]. 4319-USB, AFN. Feb 11, a rare day with a very clear frequency; no trace of any QRM; my local sunrise was at 1500 and propagation was good, so at 1426 or 1432 or 1447, I should have been hearing them with no problem, but there was nothing here; no trace of an open carrier. Safe to say they were off the air today (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldy via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EAST TURKISTAN. 17650, Feb 9 at 1345, CRI in French, good signal but heavy flutter, going into chinois leAon. This is 500 kW, 308 degrees from Kashi-Saibagh 2022 site for Europe. There used to be two other CRI services like this in the same band area, but only this one now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9965, Feb 6 at 0304, R. Cairo mainly whine, JBM but signal level is good with flutter, in Arabic service.

9860, Feb 6 at 0305, R. Cairo, JBM with low hum, supposedly English service, fair signal.

9860, Feb 7 at 0044, R. Cairo, good signal but suppressed/distorted music modulation

9965, Feb 7 at 0045, R. Cairo, good signal, open carrier with whine

12035, Feb 7 at 0049, R. Cairo, good signal with loud but extremely distorted modulation, supposedly Spanish, and atop any CCCCCCI

9905, Feb 7 at 2032, very poor with humbuzz, distorted talk, unknown language, signatures of R. Cairo. At this hour it's supposed to be French on 315 degree beam to Europe, also North America beyond

9860, Feb 8 at 0324, R. Cairo, suppressed/distorted modulation seems English, closing headlines? They had such a good deal going to get a decent transmitter on 9395, WRMI, Global 24, Sunday 1300-1420, but it's been missing for a few weeks, failing to send G24 a file; and now?

9905, Feb 8 at 0324, R. Cairo, good with flutter, Qur'an

9965, Feb 8 at 0325, R. Cairo, ME music, undermodulated but not distorted, yay; Arabic service.

9905+, Feb 9 at 0552, R. Cairo, good signal level but suppressed/distorted [supp/dist?] modulation of ME music, also flutter and slightly on the hi side.

9965+, Feb 11 at 0108, R. Cairo, undermodulated Arabic with whine, slightly on hi side

9860.0, Feb 11 at 0109, R. Cairo, dead air, or JBM with hum
12035, Feb 11 at 0117, R. Cairo, VG signal, mod suppressed/distorted
12080, Feb 11 at 0118, R. Cairo, good but dead air; all during Spanish
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Cairo with awful modulation in wrong language again on Feb 11
1900-2000 9430 ABS 250 kW / 005 deg EaEu English, instead of Russian
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-cairo-in-wrong-language-again-on.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** EL SALVADOR. CSJ PIDE A SIGET DETALLAR LA DISTRIBUCI"N DE RADIOS Y TV EN EL SALVADOR --- by gruporadioescuchaargentino

La Sala de lo Constitucional de la Corte Suprema de Justicia (CSJ) pidi  a la Superintendencia General de Electricidad y Telecomunicaciones (Siget) que le rinda un informe completo sobre la distribuci n que tienen las actuales estaciones de radio y televisi n en el espectro radioel ctrico.

Este mandato responde a una demanda de inconstitucionalidad que tiene en estudio el Tribunal Constitucional para revisar si existen monopolios en la concesi n del espectro radioel ctrico.

En la resolución, la Sala de lo Constitucional solicita a la Siget "qué porcentaje de la totalidad de frecuencias del espectro radioeléctrico, relativas a los servicios de radiodifusión, en AM y FM y de Televisión, se encuentran asignadas en la actualidad y qué porcentaje de las mismas están disponibles para su concesión".

Además, "le requiere la identificación de los concesionarios de las frecuencias en comento que existen en la actualidad y el porcentaje de canales de radio en AM y FM y de televisión que cada uno de ellos tienen asignados".

"En consideración de los motivos alegados por los demandantes en este proceso, relativos a la presunta inconstitucionalidad de los artículos 81 inciso final, 82, 83, 84, 85 y 100 de la Ley de Telecomunicaciones, por vulneración a los artículos 101 y 110 incs. 1 y 2 de la Constitución - contravención a los principios de justicia social que informan el orden económico y a la prohibición de prácticas monopolísticas, este tribunal estima pertinente solicitar informe a la Siget...", subraya el documento.

Fuentes de la Sala de lo Constitucional detallaron que la petición de la información es parte del proceso por una de las tres demandas relacionadas a la Ley de Telecomunicaciones que se encuentra en estudio final. Sin embargo, los magistrados constitucionalistas valoran si acumulan los procesos para emitir un solo fallo. La Sala no le dio tiempo a la Siget para que responda a la petición del informe. Hasta ayer, la supervisora de las telecomunicaciones no había respondido la solicitud.

En los alegatos de los demandantes se precisó que "existe monopolio en la distribución de radios y canales de televisión".

Pero "la Sala está pidiendo una explicación para saber cómo está distribuido el espectro de radio y televisión por qué en una demanda establecen que en el país hay monopolio (un sólo dueño). Ese es un dato que solo se va a determinar teniendo un documento que nos diga cómo están las frecuencias. Queremos saber cuántos propietarios hay para determinar si hay o no monopolio, cuáles son las comunitarias, del Estado, comerciales", expresó la fuente.

Agregó que de acuerdo con el referido informe, se pretende saber cuáles canales de televisión están disponibles en el espectro, ya que en otras demandas también se ha pedido que la Sala revise las formas de asignación de nuevas radios o canales de televisión.

"La Sala considera que el razonamiento correcto es pedir un informe a la institución que supervisa el espectro. No se puede partir de una

sola presunción, decir que hay monopolio si quien tiene el dato exacto es la Siget. La Sala no está dilatando el proceso. Es el trámite adecuado y legal", indicó la fuente judicial.

Piden cambio para adjudicar radios y TV

En uno de los procesos, el motivo central de los demandantes es que se elimine la subasta como el único mecanismo para asignar una radio o un canal de televisión, ya que alegan que se violenta la libertad de expresión "porque sólo se le permite a las personas con mucho recursos económicos que puedan ser propietarios".

En otra de las demandas se habla de la renovación de las frecuencias y ahí se podría discutir la situación de los procesos de "renovación, los derechos adquiridos, requisitos y nuevos procedimientos para adquirir frecuencias".

"En las demandas se va a determinar si las personas a quienes se les asignen las radios y canales de televisión tienen la capacidad de hacer funcionarlas y en cuánto tiempo. También si las canales están siendo utilizados con el fin que se solicitó", aclaró la fuente.

De acuerdo con la Asociación Salvadoreña de Radiodifusores (Asder), en el espectro radioeléctrico existen 65 estaciones en la frecuencia de AM, de estas, el 57 por ciento son libres e independientes. El 43 por ciento pertenece a organizaciones.

Mientras que en la frecuencia de FM hay 250 radios, 34 por ciento son de organizaciones, el 64 pertenecen a medios libres o independientes, y un dos por ciento al sector público. Asder agrega que el 68 frecuencias están disponibles.

Asignación de frecuencias sigue detenida

La Sala de lo Constitucional suspendió las concesiones de licencias para la explotación del espectro radioeléctrico en mayo de 2014, tras admitir una de las demandas.

El Tribunal Constitucional congeló las disposiciones de la Ley de Telecomunicaciones y del reglamento respectivo que regulan el trámite de solicitudes y otorgamiento de concesiones.

La Sala ordenó a la Siget de "abstenerse" de tramitar las solicitudes de cualquier interesado en obtener una concesión, incluidas las ya presentadas, así como de otorgar cualquier tipo de concesión solicitada para la explotación del espectro radioeléctrico en cualquier estado en que se encuentre el procedimiento, ya sea que haya oposición o no.

Adem·s, le prohibi  hacer efectivo cualquier procedimiento de subasta p blica, relativo a la explotaci n del espectro de radio y televisi n, recibir el pago de los interesados correspondiente a cualquier concesi n previamente autorizada y de adjudicar las concesiones.

En este sentido, la Siget debe abstenerse de realizar la transferencia o fragmentaci n del derecho de explotaci n derivado de las concesiones otorgadas, as  como efectuar cambios de calificaci n de los espectros de uso libre, de uso oficial y de uso regulado, ya sea que necesiten concesi n o no.

Para los demandantes, el espectro radioel ctrico debe garantizar que la libertad de expresi n "sea accesible a todos y no otorgarse a quien posea mayor recurso o capacidad econ mica que el resto de interesados". Adem·s, alegan que "el manejo del espectro radioel ctrico debe ser compatible con formas democr ticas del ejercicio del poder".

Por su parte, la Sala justific  que decidi  congelar la subasta porque, "de continuar los procedimientos respectivos, en la Siget se pueden generar expectativas o crear situaciones jur dicas en los derechos subjetivos de los interesados con base en disposiciones legales cuya constitucionalidad se cuestiona".

Esto significa que existe el riesgo de que se otorguen las frecuencias y derechos sobre ellas, por un plazo de 20 a os, aunque el proceso judicial est  a medio caminar.

Dicha resoluci n fue firmada por unanimidad de los magistrados Florent n Mel ndez (presidente en funciones), Belarmino Jaime, Sidney Blanco, Rodolfo Gonz lez y Eliseo Ortiz.- tomada de El Salvador.com (via GRA blog Feb 10 via DXLD) Shakeup coming in licensing (gh)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. February 2: Oromo Voice Radio in Oromo to EaAf 1603 on 17850 Issoudun plus white noise broadband DRM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHubmI902MM&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Xoriyo in Somali to EaAf 1605 on 17870 Issoudun plus white noise broadband DRM
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dUZ_PMUh_Ew&feature=youtu.be

February 3: Radio Xoriyo in Somali to EaAf 1619 on 17630 Issoudun plus white noise broadband DRM
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4lXTa4YH08&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

February 4: Oromo Voice Radio in Oromo to EaAf 1607 on 17850 Issoudun

plus white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4tvjpAVDmWc&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Khaatumo, Codka Khaatumo in Somali to EaAf 1704 on 17580
Issoudun

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4mHAQ_Dg7w&feature=youtu.be

Voice of Oromo Liberation in Oromo to EaAf 1701 on 17630 Issoudun

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D072HgUJ95Y&feature=youtu.be>

Voice of Oromo Liberation in Oromo to EaAf 1707 on 17630 Issoudun plus
white noise DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S0K8Tu7h2Es&feature=youtu.be>

February 6: Radio Xoriyo in Somali to EaAf 1606 on 17870 Issoudun plus
white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1euNz4gTuCY&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [and non]. JAMMING, Broadband DRM white noise jamming vs
clandestine broadcasts to EaAf

Radio Xoriyo:

1600-1630 on 17630 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Tue/Sat

1600-1630 on 17870 ISS 500 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Somali Mon/Fri

Oromo Voice Radio, Raadiyoo Sagalee Oromoo:

1600-1630 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Oromo Mon/Wed/Sat

Voice of Oromo Liberation:

1701-1731 on 17630 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Oromo Wed

1731-1800 on 17630 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Amharic Wed

1700-1800 on 17630 ISS 100 kW / 125 deg to EaAf Amharic Sun

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/broadband-drm-jamming-vs-clandestine.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #895 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Feb 9, 2015
via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Oromo Voice Radio in English --- OROMO VOICE RADIO
via ISSOUDUN 17850. Surprised to hear this in English today, February
9. On in Oromo at 1600 as always, but switched to English at 1615.

Woman gave ID and frequency, then a man interviewed a man in English
until transmitter went off at 1630. Maybe English is Monday only.

Excellent signal today as is usual. And as usual, a iroarî jam began
at about 1602 (Wendel Craighead, Prairie Village, Kansas, USA, UT Feb
10, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Schedule is Mon/Wed/Sat only at 1600-1630 per Aoki & WRTH (gh, WORLD
OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Howdy Gents: A few pirate logs. I missed all the Saturday

evening activity.

PIRATE-EURO. Cupid Radio-Holland 6265 AM, 2233-2258+, 01-31-15, SI0: 343. Op was playing tunes by Iron Maiden, Nirvana, Jet, Kiss and Metallica. Frequent English IDs and shout outs to those posting on the message boards. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Laser Hot Hits-Ireland, 6285 AM, 2052-2203+, 02-01-15, SI0: 343. Pop tunes, occasional announcements, full ID noted 2203 by OM [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-EURO. Laser Hot Hits-Ireland 4026 AM, 2230-2310, 02-01-15. Noted here with pop tunes, IDs, Ads. Not as strong as 6285 and with different programming. Pretty much gone by 2310. [Lobdell-MA]
(Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter Dipole, G5RV dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Radio Spaceshuttle 14-15th February!

Dear friends, GERMANY: Radio Spaceshuttle International, Rohrbach on 6070 kHz Saturday 14th February 2015 14-15 UT: Programm beinhaltet kurze H`rer Briefkasten, Beste deutsch-schweizerischen-Kuh, Disco, Pop und Rock-Musik aus den 80er und 90er Jahren, Finnland-Musik-Edelsteine in den Jahren, usw.

SWEDEN: Radio Spaceshuttle International, Sale on 6035 kHz and 9865 kHz Sunday 15th February 2015 08-10 UT: B%sta pop, disco, dans, trance och rock musik frÅn 70, 80, och 90-talet. Svensk och finsk musik extra.

Wishing that conditions will be fine and good reception all over Europe is possible! All correct reports sent (with 2 EUROS/ 3 International reply Coupon) to our address: Radio Spaceshuttle International, P. O. Box 2702, NL-ZG 6049 HERTEN, The Netherlands will be verified with our printed QSL! (+ some promotional material!)

COMPETITION: After six month period(January-June) special big surprises 1, 2 and 3 (valuable Spaceshuttle stuff) will be sent to three listeners [who] sent THE MAXIMUM NUMBERS of correct reports [-max one report/transmission counted]. If more than three equal reporters [same amount of reports] then Madame Fortune will have her fingers in came ;) Best regards, (Dick Spacewalker, Feb 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ITALY

** FINLAND. SWR Finland on air from 2100 UT tonight (Fri). Scandinavian Weekend Radio's regular monthly 24-hour broadcast from Virrat, Finland airs tonight (Fri 6 Feb) from 2100 UT until 2100 UT tomorrow (Sat 7 Feb) on 5980 alternating with 6170 kHz and 11720 kHz

alternating with 11690 kHz. Full programme and frequency schedule is here:

<http://www.swradio.net/schedule.htm>

(Alan Pennington, Feb 6, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Fair signal at 0754 UT tune in on 11689.9 kHz, SIO 343 playing "old time instrumental music"; the audio/modulation sounds a little low at times (Russ Cummings, AOR7030+, 60ft long wire, North Ferriby, East Yorkshire , UK, Feb 7, ibid.)

** FRANCE [and non?]. 7390, Feb 10 at 0642, RFI French is underneath a stronger open carrier, making a SAH, as I have frequently but not always noted during this hour --- another station or just Issoudun mistakenly running another transmitter? Still awaiting an explanation for this (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Soon, see new public governmental DWD German national Weather Service, Pinneberg, north of Hamburg, in 49 mb, 10 kW station. wolffy (Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 5, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DWD German national Weather Service, Pinneberg near Hamburg, Germany

SW vertical antenna ITU #975 call, maybe used for new 5905 and 6040 kHz 49mb shortwave service, - p r o b a b l y - maritime weather report in German language regularly in AM mode soon in spring 2015.

5905	2000-2030	18,27,28	PIN	10kW	non-dir	975	German	D	DWD FNA
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6040	0600-0630	18,27,28	PIN	10kW	non-dir	975	German	D	DWD FNA
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6040	1200-1230	18,27,28	PIN	10kW	non-dir	975	German	D	DWD FNA
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http://www.radiodx.de/media/bilder/DDH47_Reusenantenne_361.jpg

<http://www.radiodx.de/pages/posts/dwd-wetterfunkstelle-pinneberg-8.php>
73 (Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Starting A-15?

I guess that the new Pinneberg transmission is replacing 177 kHz and the NDR weather broadcasts on LW/MW. It should have been obvious that something else was required to reach ships out at sea. A better idea would have been to do what Denmark has done on their Kalunborg station - lower power and on air as required. Best 73 from (Noel Green, NW England, Feb 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. Channel 292 relays in coming weekends from February 14 till March 1 on 6070 ROB 010 kW / non-dir to CeEu:

0700-1100 Sat Feb 14 Radio Mi Amigo Int

1100-1200 Sat Feb 14 KIM FM Nijmweg.

1200-1300 Sat Feb 14 Power Radio Nijmweg

1300-1400 Sat Feb 14 Deltracks Radio, NEW

1400-1600 Sat Feb 14 Radio Spaceshuttle

1000-1300 Sun Feb 15 Bluestar Radio
1300-1500 Sun Feb 15 Replay Radio, NEW

0700-1100 Sat Feb 21 Radio Mi Amigo Int
1100-1200 Sat Feb 21 KIM FM Nijmweg.
1200-1300 Sat Feb 21 Power Radio Nijmweg
1300-1400 Sat Feb 21 Deltracks Radio, NEW

1000-1300 Sun Feb 22 Bluestar Radio

0700-1100 Sat Feb 28 Radio Mi Amigo Int
1100-1200 Sat Feb 28 KIM FM Nijmweg.
1200-1300 Sat Feb 28 Power Radio Nijmweg
1300-1400 Sat Feb 28 Deltracks Radio, NEW
0800-0900 Sat Feb 28 Goldrausch 6070, NEW

0900-1000 Sun Mar 01 Super Clan Radio
1000-1300 Sun Mar 01 Bluestar Radio

Subject to change. More info:

<http://www.channel292.de/schedule-for-bookings>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #895 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Feb 9, 2015
via DXLD)

**** GERMANY. DEUTSCHE WELLE'S NEW ENGLISH TV CHANNEL TO START JUNE 22**

Deutsche Welle will launch its new English TV channel on June 22. The news and information channel will officially go on air during DW's annual media conference, Global Media Forum.

Satellitensch,ssel DW

<http://www.dw.de/deutsche-welles-new-english-tv-channel-to-start-june-22/a-18237402#>

The global competition of values plays out primarily in the English language, says DW Director General Peter Limbourg. "Germany is highly regarded around the world, and on the international stage many look to Germany to orient themselves. Therefore, we want to meet this demand in the English language," says Limbourg, stressing that international media coverage of German perspectives should not be left solely to other international broadcasters.

"Deutsche Welle expects more than 2000 international guests from politics, media and other areas of public life - among them numerous partners who will rebroadcast DW's flagship programs via their platforms - to attend the Global Media Forum," says Limbourg. "They will all be able to witness the launch of our new channel, live."

DW, the new 24-hour TV channel in English, with hourly news as well as magazine programs and documentaries, will be broadcast around the world. In Europe it will be available via the Astra satellite, among others.

Starting June 22, Deutsche Welle will offer four additional 24-hour TV channels for various parts of the world.

DW (Amerika) can be received across the entire American continent and offers 20 hours of German and 4 hours of English programming;

DW (Latinoam rica) informs people in Latin America in Spanish around the clock;

DW (Asien) broadcasts in German 24 hours a day;

DW (Arabia) targets viewers from the Arab world - 24 hours in Arabic.

The regional TV channels will remain unchanged in their respective languages, complementing the 24-hour English channel. Only DW (Europe), with its English-German programming via Hotbird, will be discontinued. "By the time we launch the new English TV channel we will have optimized the new technical components and processes to the point that we can confidently go on air," says Limbourg. Date 06.02.2015 (via Dr Hansjoerg Biener, Feb 8, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

** GERMANY. Deutschland: Seit 2006 geht ein Radio ÷ mrang am 21. Februar (Internationaler Tag der Muttersprache) mit einem Programm in Amrum-Friesisch (= ÷ mrang) auf die Kurzwelle. In den Vorjahren kam die Sendung 1600-1659 (MEZ+1) Uhr auf 15215 kHz. Empfangsberichte werden nicht von den Produzenten, sondern nur von Media Broadcast (QSL-Shortwave@media-broadcast.com) best tigt (Dr. Hansj rg Biener, ntt aktuell Februar 2015, DXLD 15-05, via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD 15-06)

Hello Glenn, I wild like to information you about the upcoming broadcast. On Saturday 21 February 2015, Annual broadcast of Radio ÷ mrang from Amrum Island, German North Frisian Islands. Tentatively 1600-1659 UT on 15215 kHz via Nauen in Frisian dialect, German and English. QSLs via transmitter operator Media Broadcast: qsl-shortwave@media-broadcast.com
Kind regads, (Oliver Gebert, Florence, Kentucky, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREECE. Greece to create new public broadcaster
 ekathimerini - #Tsipras "We will create a new public broadcaster from scratch (ERT) using only funds from current tax" #Greece
Posted by: (M5AKA, Feb 8, BDXC-UK yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

ERA broadcasts to resume soon? Zacharias Liangas in Greece indicates that the new government will reemploy ERA staff as soon as possible in order to restart ERA transmissions. Keep an ear open! (WRTH Facebook

page 26 Jan via Bengt Ericson, ARC via Feb DXLC-UK Communication via DXLD)

9935, Feb 7 at 0045, ERTOpen with severe motorboating and carrier wobble during music but good signal level, // unmarred 9420 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Feb 9 at 1209, R. Verdad with favorite banjo music, reminiscent of 'Workin' on the Railroad' but workin' in gospel tunes too, including RR crossing warning bells; presumably outro for Dr. Madrid's signature show 'El Tren del Evangelio'; 1210 YL TC for 6:12; 1211 full ID with Apartado 5, Chiquimula address; 1212 'Ode to Joy' theme introduces a Bible study program in Spanish. Today's sunrise there is 1225 UT, so may remain for another semihour.

News on Feb 8 that a volcano had erupted in Guatemala, but the item I heard didn't name it or locate it. It was Fuego, SW of Guat City, while Chiquimula is further ENE of the capital, closer to Honduras, so I suppose no problem for TGAV (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUYANA. 3290, GBC, Voice of Guyana, Sparendaam. 0050 February 5, 2015. First day reactivated? Tune-in to English gospel-tinged vocals, accented English male announcer, single time sounder 0100, brief news or announcements till 0102 followed by EZL piano music. Recheck 0135, still there but weaker. This per DXLD 15-04 tip that engineer Jamie Labadia was going to be there this week to try to resurrect the 10 kW SW and 25 kW MW transmitters. It would be nice to hear 5950 again, too, though interference these days there would be problematic (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, V Guyana (presumed) with pop music just barely wafting above the noise floor. Sounded like oldies, but nothing popped up enough for me to get a 'definite' yet. We'll keep hanging in there. YL announcer to ToH time pips and OM talk after ToH--presume news, but I couldn't even swear it was English. Talk continued to my tune-out. 2+2441+ with my local noise obliterating things pretty thoroughly. 0350-0415 5/Feb (Ken Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet 6 Feb via DXLD)

3290-, Voice of Guyana, Georgetown (presumed), 0716-0733. Talk in English by a man and a woman, alternating. Sounded like BBC programming. A few bars of music and an announcement by the woman at 0730 followed by more talk. Very weak signal with significant fading and the usual noise, making content difficult to determine. 2/5/2015 (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, PL-880, PL-660, Random Wire, Wellbrook Loop, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

[Re 15-05:] 3290 on my PL-390 - Voice of Guyana was heard with a decent signal at times through some local noise with music and nice ID

at 0930 2/5/15 (Rob K, Summerville SC, ABDX via DXLD)

3290, per Dave Valko's log on Monday, tuned V. of Guyana on 2/5 from 0712 from Perseus site in Alberta (also heard at home QTH at slightly reduced level) with BBC World Service programming to 0759. Man with "Voice of Guyana" announcement at 0759 followed by two choral music selections. Into non-stop Hindi vocal/instrumentals from 0808 to 0834. Then back to choral selection to 0837. Man in English followed by Koran reading 0837-0841 then man again in English with "God is great..." etc. Locally-produced variety music program (C&W, Hindi, etc.) with man announcer at 0841 - "The Nation's Station, the Voice of Guyana" hrd at 0844. V. of Guyana always has quite interesting and multi-cultural programming! Nice level at S4 throughout. The VE6JY site has a propagation tunnel into S. America it seems as Guyana, Surinam, Brazilian, Bolivian and Peruvians come in well here 0700-1100. SINPO for this reception was 45334. Glad to hear this one again - it was the star performer on 90m this evening! (Bruce Churchill, CA, sent 0849 UT Feb 5, but not delivered by HCDX until Feb 8, via DXLD)

Update from Jamie in Guyana re Demerara TX site. Hi Friends, I wanted to post the Google Maps coordinates for the voice of Guyana transmission site. It is <6.76511 / -58.232416> .

If you look at the property as a clock, the Dipole is at about the 1 o'clock position. The antenna near the left center of the property is a quarter-wave vertical for 560 K.C. I know that 560 K.C. is pretty crowded here in America, but has anybody heard them on medium-wave? (Jamie LaBadia, Guyana, via Ian, Feb 6, shortwave[sic]sites yg via DXLD) Or about azimuth 350 degrees from TX building (Ian, ibid.)

Wouldn't 1 o'clock equal azimuth of 30 degrees? Or are we not talking about alignment with 0 = true north (gh, DXLD)

Attached is a manufacturer's brochure for a Granger #1765 antenna, the type that appears to be in use at Georgetown. JL (Jerry Lenamon, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

Type 1765 Series GRANGER ô HF Broadband Dipole Antennas

Perhaps one could find it from info below:

Bulletin 142 0B 05/08 Data subject to change without notice. 4 ASC
Signal Corporation i 606 Beech Street West i Whitby, Ontario, Canada i
L1N 5S2 i t. +1 (905) 668 3348 i f. +1 (905) 668 8590 i
<http://www.ascsignal.com> (via gh, DXLD)

3290, Voice of Guyana at 0626 with BBC programming (parallel 9460), profile of a Lebanese band, 0700 BBC World News - Fair, Feb 6 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, by the lake,

with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna. Editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca/dxldyg> via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, Voice of Guyana (presumed); 0253-0302+, 7-Feb; Peppy Afro-beat music; no announcements. SIO=2+22 with roar/grinder QRM; USB helps (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290-, Feb 7 at 0651, Voice of Guyana with BBCWS relay in English, SINPO 25432. Feb 8 at 0310, only a JBA carrier; wonder if the power level has dropped from 1 kW.

3290-, Feb 8 at 0657, VOG with fair signal, seems rather undermodulated; missed local ID if any before 0700 BBC pips about one second behind WWV, BBCWS ID and news relay; roused at 0800, music continues past hourtop, so BBC relay must be over (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** HONDURAS. 550 Honduras into Michigan right now --- New MW country heard with 550 "ABC Radio" jingles out of Honduras right now at 0210 UT. I've been hearing this for the second night in a row, decent at times with little or no WKRC (for whatever reason). Easy parallel against their webstream at <http://www.abcradiohn.com/> and downright good at times which is surprising as WRTH lists them at only 1 kw. Is this correct, or have they raised their power? Wide assortment of music heard from Spanish ballads to American oldies. Heard on the South D-KAZ from Western Michigan. 73, (Tim Tromp, Perseus SDR + reversible North/South D-KAZ, IRCA mailing list, 0219 UT 8 Feb via DXLD)

Very nice, I presume a power increase. I also presume that the Cuban here is sleeping. My Hondurans here about 200 km to your SW are Radio America //'s on 610 and 630 logged over the years. KTRS is probably more of a nuisance on 550 for me than you.

I haven't been DXing lately as I return from a trip to Texas with the worst gout attack of my life and the first major attack in over 3 years and it hit both feet. It is agony to put a shoe on and walking 50 m back and forth to get to my WSW phased array won't happen until I am more improved. Shoveling a meter of plowed snow to get to my south antenna for Honduras is unimaginable ATM.

Tim, I see how glad you are that you built a D-KAZ. What is your exact bearing for it? A satellite overhead view online will be able to tell

you. PS still never found a trace of DR 762.74 here on recordings. 73 (HobbleKAZ Barrington IL ibid.)

Kaz, here's hoping you make a fast recovery and are back at the dials soon. My D-KAZ is at 180 degrees, which I see is right inline with Honduras. 73, (Tim, ibid.)

Kick ass! I got them with a woman singing in Spanish and // to webstream. Thanks for the notice. It's a new one for me. For me, believe me, they are weak. Listen for La Primera. They are in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. I got it on the E1 with 366 foot wire (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN 0237 UT Feb 8, ABDX via DXLD)

** ICELAND. Iceland double Hop TV --- Iceland transitioned over to DTV from analog on 2 February, 2015 according to a post on the SkywavesDX list. There's no longer any reason to aim your antenna eastward looking for them on E2 or E3. Gone (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, Feb 9, WTFDA Forum via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

I tried but no dice. I remember that Scottish DXer who told us that Iceland should've been easy even *before* ch 2-6 were vacated in the USA. Couldn't get them even with an empty band (William Hepburn, Ont., ibid.)

Completed DTV transition posting had all the ingredients to push another nail in my coffin. So no more chances of F2 double-hop from the east? Heck, I'll never know if the Groenland [sic] signal ever crossed my path but I sure used to be equipped and ready for it and at the right location (on the shores of the salty St-Lawrence Gulf).

As I was reading this at work, I couldn't help wondering how poignant it would've been for me to try such a catch in the latter years from my Gasp  Coast home with a clear shot to the east with the old 21-element Low-VHF yagi. The thought of pointing east in my hey days (in the 70s and 80s) never even crossed my mind with the seasonal onslaught of American CCI from the south keeping me so captivated.

How romantic, is the one thing that comes to mind as I never took long distance, Wide FM reception at VHF-level signals for granted. I sure am grateful for multiple decades of TVDX enjoyment while I was living up there and I miss it.

By the way, I'd like to remind you all of one famous Trans-Atlantic FM logging by Paul Logan throughout June of 2003 in Northern Ireland, that of CKLE-FM Bathurst NB, a mere 50 miles straight across from where I grew up, as discussed here:

<http://www.dxradio.co.uk/transatlanticfm.php>

Cheers! (Denis Allard, Montr al, ibid.)

** INDIA [non log]. 4970, AIR Shillong. As of Feb 11, this has been silent for a number of days (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR Trivandrum noted now 7 Feb 2015 at 1300 UT on 5020 kHz instead of normal 5010 kHz. Punching error?! Schedule is 0020-0215 & 1130-1745. Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Watch out, Honiara! Reported somewhere as 5018 (gh, DXLD)

** INDIA. 9380, Feb 7 at 1353, open carrier/dead air, fair with flutter, then 1357 a trace of music, so AIR National Channel is not a total total loss. Same situation a few days ago. Can't they tell at Aligarh that modulation is missing??

9380, Feb 9 at 1357, open carrier, maybe JBM, with flutter, the rule rather than the exception from AIR National Channel via Aligarh (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. Re: [Swprograms] Testing the new 1 Radio News app

Just getting around to downloading, but it appears that this app is Android only? No iOS version? Oh, well. :-(

The local/regional "slice of life" angle is a great idea, though, as I really enjoy hearing the different local flavor while spinning across the radio dial during roadtrips around the country. Good luck, and let us know if you kick out an Apple version. Thanks, (John Sullivan, swprograms via DXLD)

Thanks all. I need at least 5,000 Android installs of the free version to justify the investment in going into iOS. We have about 1200 today.

The big challenge is rising up in Google Play search for "news radio" or "radio news." If people link 1 Radio News to <http://1radionews.com> that will help with our general Google search rank. I thought about indiegogo or kickstarter to cover the iOS cost. Do you think folks would want to contribute to or promote the idea?

P.S. I can tell you that to advertise for downloads of the free version, it costs me about a dollar per install. IF everyone clicked on 4-6 ads in a year I'd make my money back but that of course is likely not the case since I hate the invasive ads cluttering more and more apps today. I want to keep ads tolerable (Steve Clift, ibid.)

** IRAN. Gang: In reviewing the broadcasters listings on several

frequencies, I noted that the Voice of Iran had regular high power (250 KW) broadcasts in HEBREW!!! Considering that their government does not officially recognize Israel (referring to them as "The Zionist State"), I can't figure out why they do this. Any answers??? (Knight, William D, KJ6TBE, Sacramento, CA 95821, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

Broadcasting to the ``enemy`` is not that unusual in international SW. What is unusual is that Iran's is the only known SWBC service now in Hebrew. Not even Israel, any more, with demise of Israel Radio and Galei Zahal. One does wonder how VIRI comes up with Hebrew-speakers willing to toe/tow the party line, non-Jews?

WRTH 2015: half hours only at 0420 on 9755 11780, 1150 on 13740 15240. Some of Israel's neighbors do broadcast in Hebrew on mediumwave (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9710, Feb 8 at 0324, Iran NA attempting to introduce the so-called Voice of Justice = English to North America, at only slightly louder level than collision with Cuba in Spanish, which looks like it will last the rest of B-14 season due to mutually incompetent frequency management (and don't they get reception reports from real listeners complaining about it??).

In A-15 VIRI plans to resume last A-14's collision on 11780 with Brazil!!!! (not in HFCC, so that 250 kW does not exist). And // 13650 which maybe will clash with Egypt's Swahili service from 0400 if it isn't imaginary. Geez. 13650 is also a well-known (to listeners) non-HFCC North Korean frequency, currently in use at that very hour.

9550, Feb 9 at 0425, Qur'an and responses, good signal but with hum, flutter. HFCC shows it's VIRI in Turkish, 0420-0550, 500 kW, 298 degrees from Kamalabad (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. February 2: Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1702 on 9925 and 2 harmonic 19850 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59b7oBUajlE&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1704 on 7550 Grigoriopol, 9925 + 2hx 19850 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-Pfb6tTi20&feature=youtu.be>

February 6: Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1700 on 7550 Grigoriopol, 9925 + 2 hx 19850 Secretbrod
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cPL_g0dzBiA&feature=youtu.be

Radio Ranginkaman in Farsi to WeAs 1716 on 7550 Grigoriopol, 9925 + 2 hx 19850 Secretbrod

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oDmNQ4BUGMM&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Ranginkaman/Radio Rainbow on 3 freqs: 7550, 9925 and 19850
1700-1730 7550 KCH 100 kW / 100 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri, weak on Feb
1700-1730 9925 SCB 050 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Farsi Mon/Fri + 2nd
harmonic 19850
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-ranginkamanradio-rainbow-on-7550.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #895 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Feb 9, 2015
via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. 9430, Feb 9 at 0424, ``A Summer Place`` tune,
announcement in presumed Farsi, as R. Farda is here at 0200-0530, 100
kW, 108 degrees from Lampertheim, GERMANY. Per HFCC, from Feb 11, the
0500-0530 part to be dropped (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY. ALEX INVITE YOU TO THE FREE RADIO DAY 1st MARCH 2015

Cari Amici SWL, il Gruppo Italiano Onda Libera organizza per Voi, un
evento radiofonico che andr  in onda sulle Frequenze in Onde Corte in
modulazione di ampiezza, il gioco   molto semplice. Ciascuna delle
stazioni libere, trasmetter  in orari diversi e ciascuna sulla sua QRG
assegnata, una parte di un messaggio scritto in Italiano / Inglese che
una volta da Voi intercettato, andr  a comporre una frase completa di
senso compiuto.

Lo scopo del gioco per gli SWL   infatti: iTAKE the MESSAGEi. Ciascuno
Stazione Libera, trasmetter  una sola parte del messaggio e sempre la
stessa, facilmente identificabile da un suono di annuncio dell'inizio
del gioco, questo suono   identico per tutte le stazioni del Gruppo
Italiano Onda Libera.

Ciascuna stazione trasmetter  per un breve periodo in modo da
permettere l'ascolto in un arco di tempo compatibile con le condizioni
di radio-propagazione durante la mattina di domenica.

Gli orari e le Frequenze previste del gioco i TAKE de MESSAGE i
saranno le seguenti:

6870, Radio Samurai dalle 0800 alle 0830 UT
6875, Radio Europe dalle 0830 alle 0900 UT
6950, Radio Enterprise dalle 0900 alle 0930 UT
7300, Radio U-Boat 66 dalle 1000 alle 1030 UT
7300, Radio Mistero Ghost Planet dalle 1030 alle 1100 UT

La singola componente della frase sar  in onda solo nell'orario
assegnato come da tabella sopra. Mentre su QRG 3905 sar  ripetuta
l'intera frase da Radio Arcadia dalle 21 alle 22 UT.

Per partecipare al gioco come SWL basta semplicemente ricomporre la frase trasmessa, indicando la singola parte ricevuta da ciascuna stazione Libera. Partecipazione al Gioco:

Possono partecipare tutti gli SWL senza distinzioni operative, sia gli operatori con radio ed antenne personali che ascoltatori a mezzo ricevitori SDR WEB on line. Spedite il vostro rapporto di ascolto completo a: radioalleanza@gmail.com

In risposta alla vostra richiesta riceverete un attestato di partecipazione e QSL del gruppo via Mail. La Classifica SWL Internazionale:

Ai primi 5 SWL Italiani che invieranno il loro rapporto di ascolto completo e senza errori via Mail, sarà inviata una QSL cartacea direttamente al loro indirizzo postale (se fornito).

Ai primi 5 SWL Europei che invieranno il loro rapporto di ascolto completo e senza errori via Mail, sarà inviata una QSL cartacea direttamente al loro indirizzo postale (se fornito).

Per la classifica sarà registrato l'orario di ricezione della vostra mail (non quello di spedizione). I risultati della classifica SWL saranno divulgati entro 15 gg dal termine del gioco.

Speriamo nella buona propagazione e Vi invitiamo a partecipare a iTake the Message!i (via PLAY-DX 1637 electronic n° 08 FEBRUARY 2015 Page 16 via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 3925, R Nikkei 1, 2/1, 1310. Very very strong signal, with electronica music. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert.

3925, R Nikkei 1, 2/3, 1100Z, symphonic music. VG, raising S-meter near the top even with my indoor short wire. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert.

3945, R Nikkei 2, 2/3, 1115. Poor. Improved on 1155 recheck to Fair, playing Michael Jackson cut. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN [non]. 5985 & 6195, NHK World Radio JapÔn in Spanish, Feb 9 at 0419 with Japanese lesson, way out of synch with each other; 5985 at 222 degrees from WRMI, and 6195 at 167 degrees from WHRI. So two frequencies for Spanish and zero for English to North America. 5985 has considerable CCI, i.e. AWR Turkish, 120 degrees from AUSTRIA, so 300 degrees USward off the back during the same 0400 semihour (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950, AIR Radio Kashmir, Srinagar (presumed), 1303, Feb 11. Recently rather erratic; several days found transmitter on and off. Today went off about 1400; am hearing only open carrier; rare that I have any actual audio (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. JAPAN Shiokaze Sea Breeze in English Thu, Feb 5: from 1425 NF 6135 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to KRE, ex 5910
from 1626 NF 5955 YAM 100 kW / 280 deg to KRE, ex 6110
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/shiokaze-sea-breeze-in-english-on-thu.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Feb 6, dxldyg via DXLD) Not so new (gh, DXLD)

February 5: Shiokaze Sea Breeze in English to NoKorea 1425 on new 6135 Yamata, ex 5910
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a0hcjBmbm_I&feature=youtu.be

Shiokaze Sea Breeze in English to NoKorea 1726 on new 5955 Yamata, ex 6110
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Acfp271bNXo&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6135, JAPAN, (OPPOSITION) Shiokaze / Sea Breeze 2/7, 1420. M in Japanese and talking over soft piano music. Good. Ended at 1429 to outro and off. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH. 15575, Feb 5 at 1459, poor signal with flutter during KBSWR theme music and off, i.e. conclusion of Korean hour to North America, doggedly stuck here on too high a frequency for winter night path, but should gradually improve. See also UNIDENTIFIED 15573 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 9400, Feb 9 at 0423, Kurdish music has weaker signal yet sounds louder than 9395 Global 24 via WRMI. Starts at 0400 presumably via PRIDNESTROVYE, same as after 1400 when we usually listen (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We Europeans have never regarded these oppressed Kurdish people "as terrorists". This 24-million national people has been mistreated and suppressed continuously and extensively since 1921 collapse of the Ottoman Empire after WW First. Similarly genocide of the Ottomans against the Christian Armenians in 1921-1923 and Lausanne peace treaty. Wb (Wolfgang B,sschel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MOLDOVA [Transnistria, - the Moldavian Republic of Pridnestrovia, is the Russian-Ukrainian populated area in the east of Moldova, that has "separated" from Moldova and at least nominally set up its own pro Russian Government.]

QSL-CORNER - Received an e-QSL from the Transnistrian radio center Grigoriopol Maiac for broadcasting Radio Denge Kurdistana Kurdish Jan 27 at a frequency of 9400 kHz. report sent by electronic mail: <prtc -at- idknet.com>

The report confirmed SN Omelchenko, tehn. Director of PRTTS. Received two electronic QSL from the Transnistrian radio center for broadcasting Radio Payam e-Doost Farsi Febr 2, 0230-0315 UT at the frequency of 7460 kHz and 1800-1845 UT at the frequency of 7480 kHz. Reports sent e-mail: <prtc -at- idknet.com>

The card is not specified Radio Payam e-Doost, and BAB (BABCOCK broker) (Dmitry Kutuzov-RUS, "deneb-radio-dx" midxb Febr 3) (all via Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DXLD)

** KUWAIT. February 3:

Radio Kuwait in English to WeEu 1807 on 15540 Sulaibiyah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ssw9-o4tePs&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Kuwait in English to WeEu 1810 on 15540 Sulaibiyah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7RvyGdXYGI&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Kuwait in English to WeEu 1815 on 15540 Sulaibiyah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rmXoNosXkNA&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Kuwait General Service wrong frequency again Feb 7:
from 1200 21580 KBD 250 kW / 084 deg SEAs Arabic GS, co-ch RFI French
from 1208 21540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg WeEu Arabic GS, as scheduled B14
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-kuwait-general-service-on-wrong.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #895 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Feb 9, 2015 via DXLD)

17550, Feb 7 at 2022, JBA carrier with Doppler flutter; and at 2023, 15540, very poor with music, can't be sure it's Western, but probably; so R. Kuwait's 500 kW each at 310 degrees, Arabic and English respectively, are starting to propagate to North America, after wasting their watts all winter, hardly even reaching Europe for ignorance of Propagation 101. My eyebrows remain raised at their frequency mis-management (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Powerful signal of Radio Kuwait on February 10
from 1800 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
from 1830 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/powerful-signal-of-radio-kuwait-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

21540, Feb 11 at 1433 and later, no signal from R. Kuwait. Must be off, as Sa'udi 21505 is still audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. 19010, 0440, R. Free Afghanistan, Poor in Dari, om/yl, occasional song, sig steadier after 0500, music & YL at 0530 presumed change to Pashto // 12140, Fair - 19/1 KB (Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, New Zealand, PL-660, Whip, Feb NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. MAL;SIA, 9835, Sarawak FM via RTM, Kajang, 1103-desvanecimento total 1200, 08/2, malaio, propag. cornica, incl. canÁies a condizer, texto; 35433. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11665, Wai FM (presumed); 1353, 7-Feb; M&W in unknown language with vocals. Fair till 1356+ when strong OC came up to 1357 CRI suddenly on blasting them (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. MALAYSIA 25 YEARS SURVEY
Ratings: (0)|Views: 29|Likes: 0 Published by Zach Liang-

This is my first e-book. A book referred to shortwave listening to Malaysia since 25 years with a comprehensive history. Includes streaming audio and personal views & opinions on Malay (and partially Indonesian) music, in blog format.

This is version 2. V 1 has not been published and is included here
V.2 enhances V.1 with additions to ěarticlesí and doubles the article number
<http://www.scribd.com/doc/255015191/Malaysia-25-Years-Survey>
(via Zacharias Liangas, DXLD)

From the free preview, I tried to copy the preface and table of contents, but it comes out garbled! (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** MALI. 5995, R. Mali, Kati, 2231-..., 05/2, canÁies do Mali; 55433.

9635 idem, 1157-1302, 06/2, dialecto local, texto, notici·rio (?), ¤s 1200,..., notÍcias, em francís, ¤s 1300; 25442, modulaÁ,,o muito

fraca. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO [and non]. 620, Feb 6 at 0332, full ID for XEBU in Chihuahua, 10,000 watts, also on FM, temp 13 C. WRTH lists as 5/1 kW, NRC as non-direxional always, so maybe the 10 kW applies to FM. Not so dominant a signal as it used to be and I feared it might have closed AM already.

Somewhat separable from KMKI Plano TX, still on with Disney (which I read has an STA to run night facility also in daytime --- that means 4.5 instead of 5 kW, and major lobes to the NW and SW, rather than a broad lobe from SW to NW to NE (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 770, Feb 6 at 0328, political ad for Partido del Trabajo, then full ID from Radio F rmula Monterrey, XEACH, 770, 25,000 watts, street address, phone numbers. ``Siempre Viva Voz`` slogan, then feature/promo with marimba for San Crist bal de las Casas, Chiapas as a great place to visit; pause at 0330, then resuming program `F rmula Financiera` with YL hostess. Dominant signal on 770, but best with WBBM 767 IBOC nulled, which is pretty far off the angle from Monterrey. Supposedly cuts to only 1 kW at night, per WRTH.

We hear and see a lot of political advertising in Mexico, so when is the elexion? Timeanddate.com says there will not be a general elexion until July 1, 2018 (6-yearly). What we have this year per Wikipedia means four more months of campaigning: ``Legislative elections are scheduled to be held in Mexico on June 7, 2015. Voters will elect 500 deputies (300 by their respective constituencies, 200 by proportional representation) to sit in the Chamber of Deputies for the 63rd Congress`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re: the Mexican elections in July -- why should the US be the only country on a (semi-) permanent election cycle? These sort of things can actually keep an entire economy moving (people pay candidates who pay media to run TV / radio / print spots, etc. -- those folks need to be fed, clothed, housed, etc., etc., etc.). Less of this may actually leave an economy more vulnerable to recession or depression -- it works sort of like being in "perpetual war" does (classic example: World War II ending the Great Depression). May not be your socioeconomic cup of tea, but it appears to be the way today's capitalism works, for good or for ill (Shawn From Flushing NY (not just the ' HM01 guy') Fahrer, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 900, Feb 9 at 1313 UT, Spanish music, then DJ greets `la comunidad de Mojita`` [? no such place found in Tejas or M xico], then tear-jerker country music in English! Loops NE/SW. Time check for 6:15 so UT -7, temp in F and C, somewhat Spanglish, and mentions ``Radio Caballo`` (Radio Horse??) 1316 ad for a sorteo; then INE and other

federal PSAs, so it's definitely Mexican, and another from the Instituto Electoral de Chihuahua about urnas electorales, so that clinches it as XEDT in Ciudad Cuauhtémoc. DJ resumes ``música cowboy`` with ``Cotton Fields``. Yet this is deep in the heart of Chihuahua, not on the border. Have heard XEDT several times before, not with this format, so maybe a recent change, and maybe not full-time. Cant' has XEDT as 5/1.5 kW, ``Hits FM`` // 98.3. [NOT XEDP, error in original]

I search on ``Radio Caballo 900`` and get hits on two YouTubes as the name of a new program which started in January, but nothing in the captioning about where it comes from:::

Radio caballo 900:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfCcSARFtRP_pKi-DXvT_Kw

ESTACION radio Caballo uploaded and posted 4 weeks ago

Primer programa de la estacion: Radio caballo, acompa anos escuchando estas hermosas canciones del baul de los recuerdos de pilot, una excelente agrupacion...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnHsjxFMlBQ>

RADIO CABALLO! Llamada a Angelica Rivera | Mago de Oz

ESTACION radio Caballo

Mascot is a human being with a horse's head. The phone call to Ang lica has Mexican content, but the interviewer is speaking Castilian. The music on the clips is NOT C&W in English, but hard rock in Spanish, so apparently this is no relation to XEDT.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9i-ezpIhTY>

Radio Caballo!

PRIMERA EDICION: COLECCION DE PILOT (11 de enero del 2015)

ESTACION radio Caballo 3 views Published on Jan 11, 2015

espero y les guste la primera edicion de nuestro programa, proximately contaremos con locutores, etc...

This second clip does feature music in English, but it's rock (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 950, Mexico, unidentified. 1201 February 1, 2015. Poking through with amateur-ish choral kiddie version of anthem beginning just after tune-in, instrumentally unaccompanied and very refreshing from the usual stock version most use. Lost before anthem end to US English preacher, probably WTLN, Orlando. Anyone else able to confirm which station is using this version of the anthem here? (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 960, MEXICO (?) 1155 February 7, 2015. Spanish romantic ballad, five descending soft chimes 1200, lost just after. February 8:

1154 Spanish ballad, male at 1200, "... XE (seemingly) - -... mil wats de potencia." Then the same five descending chimes, no Mexican anthem either day though, making me wonder despite the bearings. Into tropical and ballad vocals, lost by 1210 in WGRO, Radio Reloj and others co-channel. Pointing E/W. Anyone else getting top of hour chimes here?

[Later: Must be my 960 mystery. The chimes say it all {as gh logged:}

`MEXICO. 960, Jan 31 at 0200 with local KGWA precisely nulled during a silly ballgame, I have been hearing songs in English, [see UNIDENTIFIED] and hope for an ID now, but instead it's XEK Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, announcing 5,000 watts, and then playing `XEW` chimes, four descending, plus a fifth lower, immediately followed by American Legion PSA in English for veterans, which surely was from some other, US station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)` (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Great Bit Of Radio History --- I'm sure lots of people on this list remember the Mexican border blaster XERF. Here is a link to a story done in the mid 80's on its revival. Enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnKi0vKY6oY&feature=youtu.be>

-- (Dave Marthouse, Feb 6, NRC-AM via DXLD) Viz.:

Published on Feb 5, 2015

In 1983 the 250,000 watt RCA transmitter was restored at XERF-1570, one of the infamous "border blaster" stations in Mexico. Wolfman Jack made a guest appearance on the station to celebrate the return to full power operation. The story was originally shot for "PM Magazine" by WFAA-TV Dallas. The narrator is Leeza Gibbons. The original video was shot on 3/4" tape and transferred to 1" tape in post production. You're viewing a transfer from the original 1" tape, which like most 30 year old tape has suffered age related damage. Enjoy the trip down memory lane with one of Rock and Roll's most dynamic personalities broadcasting from one mother of a powerhouse radio station. The audio is not quite right, that will be fixed in the next week or so (via DXLD)

! Not quite --- like audio missing during the WMJ clips but OK there during Leeza's narration. Or maybe on one side stereo channel only I am not getting (Glenn, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6185, Feb 9 at 0546, XEPPM, nice tango concert, with audience, good signal and no QRM, as Brazil continues to be weakened on 6180 if on at all. Radio Educaci n only has to keep its modulation level up, which is often insufficient and never loud (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) and shortly thereafter:

6184.982, Mexican National Anthem sung by woman, played at end of daily service program in 0559-0601 UT time range. Station ID at 0602 UT on Feb 9, and frequency announcement, "La Radio Cultural de Mexico", transmitter switched OFF at 0602:19 UT. 73 wb (Wolfgang B, schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. BTW, Fred Cant' on Facebook if not at <http://www.mexicoradiotv.com> itself, says he no longer has time to keep it updated and is looking for someone to take it over (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fred Cant', a local radio-TV personality here in Austin, Texas, has maintained a web site which lists all AM radio stations in Mexico for as long as I can remember. Yesterday he posted on his Facebook page that he will no longer be able to maintain this site.

(Facebook url:

<https://www.facebook.com/mexicoradiotv?fref=nf>

Like much of the site, it is in Spanish, but it's meant for listening to Mexican AM stations, so some knowledge of Spanish is assumed.)

Fred asks is there is anyone (or any group) that might be interested in taking over the maintenance of this resource. I have found it valuable, since I live closer to two Mexican states than to any other US state. From Austin, at least these days, AM radio is probably two-thirds in Spanish, and Fred's site has been a great help.

I thought I'd announce this end of an era to IRCA, in the off-chance that somebody might be interested in following in Fred's shoes (Russ Nelson, Austin, Texas, Feb 5, IRCA via DXLD)

Cant' site is not just AM, but FM and TV as well in Mexico (gh, DXLD)

Very disappointing news, BUT, if Fred's website is indeed winding down, then I would strongly suggest to all DXers to do as I did a while back (thanks to a great tip from DXer Tim Tromp in Michigan!) and head over to <http://mwlist.org> It's not a listserver and it doesn't cost anything to sign up. You just need an ID and a password and you'll have access to what is a very detailed database of LW, MW, and SW stations in the world, including some that are now silent. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska EN21af, <http://mwlist.org> <http://www.dxworld.com/bcblog.html> NRC-AM via DXLD)

Funny you should mention this, but we just finished updating the Mexico section of our FM database with slogans/formats and long/lat co-ordinates for all FM stations in Mexico (and Cuba). I know Fred had

Mexican FM listings on his site but now you can find complete up-to-date FM station listings here at <http://db.wtfda.org> (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, *ibid.*) More below; and PUBLICATIONS

** MEXICO. NTSC channel A2, Feb 5 at 0230 UT, some winter sporadic E persists attaining 60 MHz, antenna south, Spanish and CCI; 0233 Azteca 7 net bug visible in upper right, likely the usual XHTAU in Tampico; 0240 somestation with a PRD political ad; some signals last past 0300 UT. Momentarily some video on 4 appeared, 67.25 MHz.

Also on ch A2 analog had an unID meteor scatter burst at 1639 UT February 4 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE'S MEXICO BEAT --- NEW STATIONS:

Pinotepa Nacional, Oaxaca: XHPIX-TDT 34 (4.x, C5) and XHPNO-TDT 32 (11.x, CE). Palma Sola will be on the air TOMORROW it had one station in the January IFT list but the other's technical details are unknown. Pinotepa Nacional is a surprise. Same poster: Puerto Escondido and Puerto Ángel in March.

Puerto Vallarta, Jal.: XHGJ-TDT 25 (will be 2.x but is 25.1, A13) and XHPVJ-TDT 23 (7.x but currently 23.2, A7). First digital stations here as well.

Shadow XHAW-TDT 26 (!!), Guadalupe, NL. A separate RF shadow channel! (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Feb 5, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

An "explosive device" went off this evening at Televisa's Matamoros studios. It took place at about 10 pm local time. The situation is now "controlled" according to state authorities but two people, apparently security personnel, have been injured in the attack (Raymie, Feb 7, *ibid.*)

Information on XHIH-TDT is in. The RF channel is 35, with an ERP likely of 76 kW (same as XHPAO-TDT 21 which is also on air).

Also worth noting, an addendum to the announcement last week that Mario Vázquez Raña was bowing out of the race for the new networks.

It was announced today that Raña has died at the age of 82. Confirmation came on Twitter from the Mexican Olympic Committee, of which Raña was honorary president. His OEM newspapers reported he died due to acute respiratory problems caused by cancer, from which he had been suffering for several months. Last edited by Raymie; 02-08-2015 at 06:12 PM (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Two new digital stations on air but this time we go to Cd. Valles SLP,

where Televisa has suddenly put up XHCDV-TDT (5.x, CE) and XHVST-TDT (3.x, C5). No technical information at all is available for these stations. They are the first digital stations on at this location, where the Televisa local does hold a digital authorization (Raymie, Feb 8, *ibid.*)

New station to go on air tomorrow: XHBO-TDT 32 (4.x, Gala TV) Oaxaca, Oax. 102.929 kW. Once the state network gets a digital transmitter in place Oaxaca will achieve digital parity (Raymie, Feb 11, *ibid.*)

Well, ever wondered what a text ID looks like on one of these new DTVs? Wonder no longer, because Televisa's Colima stations are doing just that. They are simple things, far simpler than some of the IDs that have been used in analog in the last 10 years or so. Photo from alevy/aweliux on the TV forum (the others look the same):

[gh describes, including the underscore = sic:]
Upper left corner, two lines, really sharp, white keyed:
XHCC-TDT CANAL 17

COLIMA, COLIMA _
Name: imagejpg3.jpg Views: 17 Size: 81.3 KB (Raymie, Feb 12, *ibid.*)

Do most of these stations put their call letters in the short_name field of the VCT? (the name that shows up next to the channel number when you hit "INFO" on the remote on many sets) (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> Feb 12, *ibid.*)

Yes. Often though "HD" and "-TD" (Azteca in particular) are used as "suffixes". You won't see -TDT in short fields just because Mexican calls are often too long for the field.

Some Azteca provisional installations don't have their calls. I know Colima is in this category. Colima doesn't.

Shadow channels can and do use their shadow numbers rather than their parent station numbers. XHDF-TDT 25 (19.x) Pachuca is an example of this (Raymie, *ibid.*)

Hey, Raymie, Fred Cantu is giving up his <http://mexicoradiotv.com>
How about you as successor?

From him on FB:
``Fred Cantu's mexicoradiotv
February 4 at 7:19pm

Queridos Amigos. Lo siento pero parece que despues de 20 años de mantener mexicoradiotv.com la vida se ha complicado y ya no tengo el tiempo para mantener las paginas. Hay alguien -- una persona o grupo -

- que quiere continuar este labor? Escribeme --
fredcantu@mexicoradiotv.com `` 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

I'm afraid I don't have the time, either, Glenn; Radio is a far more dynamic and ever-changing beast than TV (Raymie, Feb 7, ibid.)

Hmmm, maybe I need to print out those lists. cd (Chris Dunne, Pembroke Pines FL, ibid.)

** MONGOLIA [and non]. 7469.876, RFA Ulan Bataar Tibetan service, usual MNG odd frequency, but equal audio covered by FireDragon drums and chimes jamming music from mainland China secret services on even 7470.0 kHz channel (Wolfgang B.schel, circa 12 UT Feb 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONGOLIA [non]. The 3985 kHz transmitter at Kall-Krekel in North-Rhine Westphalia (Germany), close to the border with Belgium, transmits Radio 700 iSchlager und Oldiesî most of the day. However it is still relaying The Voice of Mongolia's English service (scheduled daily 2000-2030 UT) and Radio Slovakia in German and French.

Occasionally it relays other stations - on Saturday 31 January 2000-2100 a German station, Radio Wanderbuehne, was relayed instead of Voice of Mongolia

<http://radiowanderbuehne.org/>

- also scheduled on 7th February). Check the latest schedule for 3985 kHz at: <http://www.shortwaveservice.com/empfangen/programmplan/> (Alan Pennington, Caversham, Berkshire, AOR 7030+ / LW, Beverage, ALA1530, / Sony 7600GR, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** MONTSERRAT. TEP na cidade de S,,o Paulo 05/02/2014

Amigos, ontem tivemos mais uma abertura da propagação transequatorial na faixa de FM; começou tarde por volta de 23:05 horário Brasília verão, durando até 00:30. O pico da abertura foi entre 00:00 e 00:30 hora Brasília, a única emissora possível de receber foi a ZJB - Radio Montserrat 95.5 MHz: ZJB - Radio Montserrat - 95.5 MHz - Montserrat - Caribe [youtube link] Em horário UT foi entre 0105 e 0230. 73s (Fran Jr., S,,o Paulo SP, Sony XDR-F1HD, Antena interna yagi 6 elementos, 6 Feb. radioescutas yg via DXLD)

TEP de ontem 10/02/2015 --- Amigos, ontem houve uma boa abertura Transequatorial para o Caribe; iniciou por volta de 22:45 local durando até 23:20 local. O pico da abertura foi entre 23:00 e 23:20 local (horário Brasília verão) [YouTube link:]

ZJB - Radio Montserrat - 95.5 MHz - Montserrat - Caribe
73s (Fran Jr., S,,o Paulo SP, Sony XDR-F1HD Antena interna yagi 6 elementos, Feb 11, ibid.)

** MYANMAR. 7185.77, MR [non-log]: MR missing 31 Jan, 2, 3, 5, 6 Feb. during checks at 1355, 1445 (Dan Sheedy, Moonlight Beach, CA G5/6m X wire, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Myanmar Radio. After my Feb 4 reception of their new frequency on 7200.00, was unable to hear them on either 7200.00, 7185.76 nor 7200.09 for 3 to 4 days.

Feb 9 with *1401, on 7200.00, but checked at 1415 to find they switched to the old transmitter on 7200.09, which had muffled audio and weaker signal. Clearly the older off frequency transmitter is not as good as the newer exact frequency one!

Feb 10, on 7200.09 at 1500*. Seems they cannot make up their mind as to which frequency to use or which transmitter (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non] Log of 1100-1140 UT slot on Feb 11, in remote unit in Australia downunder:

The Burmese transmissions of their new BBEF Beijing made transmitter seems mostly 6 or 9 Hertz oddity on lower sideband now.

5914.994, BUR MRMS Myanmar Radio in Burmese or dialects - acc Aoki Nagoya table list, from southerly Naypyidaw capital MW bcasting center site, equal level to even 5915 CRI Hohot Russian service co-channel.

6164.991, BUR MRMS Myanmar probably Rakhine BC in Burmese, at northerly Pyin Oo Lwin TX site. Equal level CNR 6th program from Beijing #491 tx bcast center.

7344.991, BUR MRMS Myanmar probably Pwo Kayin language of Thazin radio, at northerly Pyin Oo Lwin TX site. Equal level CNR 1st program from Beijing #572 tx bcast center.

nearby also: CHN PBS Sichuan-2 in Tibetan on 7225.004 kHz, and usual odd frequency VTN Son Tay, VoVietnam Russian, and from 12 UT Chinese ID on 7220.154 kHz!

7419.988 CHN PBS Nei Menggu Chinese service heard at 1207 UT.

(not before 12 UT check, but now at 1212 UT Feb 11 on air:)
5985.000 BUR MRMS Myanmar Radio in 'singing' Burmese, nice sweet SoEaAsian music from - probably - Yangoon Yegu site broadcast center? wb (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non log]. Myanmar Radio on Feb 11 not heard on either 7200.00,

7200.09 nor 7185.76, during the 1400 to 1500 time period. Still erratic! (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NAVASSA [and non]. 21205-USB, Feb 5 at 1504, K1N DX-pedition continues here with occasional carrier jammers, and clueless KV4KVK calling him on same frequency (or something similar; nothing in ARRL or QRZ.com for that call or permutations with B instead of V).

VA2BY0 courteously inquires twice with QuÈbecois accent ``is this frequency in use?`` and stops after someone tells him it is. You bet it is! At 1506 and again at 1507, NC8N also tries to reach K1N on simplex, between which I at least hear a definite kilo-one-november ID. The pileups continue on some higher frequencies.

28305-USB, Feb 7 at 2019, K1N calling QRZ, with ACI and CCI; pileups circa 28330, 28345, 28350, 28355 presumably all for him. A few minutes earlier, nothing on 21205 where last I heard K1N, but pileups on ``15`` m ranged from 21280 to 21300, so presumably he too was higher. Instead I bagged St. Martin, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

K1N NAVASSA DXPEDITION NEWS. The K1N DXpedition is now in full DXpedition mode after the team had to endure hot temperatures (116 F) and rain. There have been a few logging problems, but N200 states that they will be corrected. Looks like you have about 5-6 days left to work them. The team worked over 70k QSOs on Sunday. As this was being written on Sunday, the log states as of February 8th at 0323z, they have made 68808 QSOs with 21689 Unique callsign (37440/CW, 26350/SSB and 5018/RTTY). Breakdown by Continents: 496/AF, 1/AN, 2884/AS, 17955/EU, 45248/NA, 603/OC and 1621/SA.

QSL via N200, direct (Navassa 2015 DXpedition, c/o Bob N200, PO Box 345, Tuckerton, NJ 08087) or by the Bureau (via N200 c/o the W2 QSL Bureau). An OQRS is available via ClubLog for both direct and Bureau QSLs. Also, QSL via LoTW (Sooner rather than later). It was announced during the week-end that a 6 meter beacon is now up and running on 50.103 CW. For updated news, watch <<http://www.navassadx.com>>. If any serious news is reported, OPDX will issue a special bulletin. (Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin No. 1201, February 9, 2015, Editor Tedd Mirgliotta, KB8NW, Provided by BARF80.ORG (Cleveland, Ohio) via Dave Raycroft, ODXA yg via DXLD) QRT at daybreak Feb 15

** NETHERLANDS [non]. Spaceshuttle Feb 14-15 via Germany, Sweden; Competition [original in red; sic]

Radio Spaceshuttle 14-15th February!

Dear friends, GERMANY: Radio Spaceshuttle International, Rohrbach on 6070 kHz Saturday 14th February 2015 14-15 UTC. Programm beinhaltet kurze H`rer Briefkasten, Beste deutsch-schweizerischen-Kuh, Disco, Pop und Rock-Musik aus den 80er und 90er Jahren, Finnland-Musik-Edelsteine in den Jahren, usw.

SWEDEN: Radio Spaceshuttle International, Sale on 6035 kHz and 9865kHz Sunday 15th February 2015 08-10 UT. B%sta pop, disco, dans, trance och rock musik frÅn 70, 80, och 90-talet. Svensk och finsk musik extra.

Wishing that conditions will be fine and good reception all over Europe is possible! All correct reports sent (with 2 EUROS/ 3 International reply Coupon) to our address: Radio Spaceshuttle International, P.O.Box 2702, NL-ZG 6049 HERTEN, The Netherlands will be verified with our printed QSL! (+ some promotional material!)

COMPETITION: After six month period(January-June) special big surprises 1,2 and 3 (valuable Spaceshuttle stuff) will be sent to three listeners sent THE MAXIMUM NUMBERS of correct reports [-max one report/transmission counted]. If more than three equal reporters [same amount of reports] then Madame Fortune will have her fingers in came ;) Best regards, (Dick Spacewalker, Feb 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEWFOUNDLAND [and non]. 6160, CKZN, St. John's, Newfoundland at 0711 with CBC program, iThe Current Reviewî, discussing PTSD. CKZU Vancouver very weak in background, // 690 Vancouver and my local 106.5 FM outlet - Fair, Feb 6 (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, listening in my car, by the lake, with the Eton E1 and Sony AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND [and non]. 9700, Feb 5 at 1515, RNZI good with coastal weather including Chatham Islands; while RA is wasting its watts with Triple J music on 9580, 12065, 12085, all audible (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio Spectrum Management are having another go at selling radio frequencies which failed to sell at last December's auction. Included are the following AM frequencies:

855 from Ouruhia near Christchurch (reserve of \$28,600),
1170 from Dacre Southland with \$5900 reserve,
1170 from Waitomo in the King Country,
1485 from Twizel in mid-Canterbury and
1521 from Reefton on the West Coast (all 3 each with a \$1200 reserve).

MW DXers will hope that no one is interested and perhaps the lack of interest in these licences is an early pointer to declining interest in operating stations in our AM band. Rhema Media have rebranded

Southern Star as just Star, per the December edition of their Frequency newsletter (Bryan Clark, Feb NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** NICARAGUA [and non]. 800, BONAIRE, PJB, Trans World Radio, Kralendijk. 0056 February 4, 2015. Smooth jazz, presumably filler, then Radio Transmundial ID by man at 0100, into Spanish gospel. Moving the loop to southwestward, Nicaragua happily appears at this time.

800, NICARAGUA, Radio 800, Managua. 0101 February 4, 2015. Man with fast read of news items, all Panam., Honduras and Nicaragua/Managua dateline items with IDs between every few, 0111 fade back up with Spanish vocal, then another clear "Radio Ochocientos" ID into short orchestral fanfare. Faded down fast and lost after this. Last log was an hour earlier 17 days short of a year ago (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. NIG...RIA, 6089.93, R. Nigeria, Kaduna, 2235-..., 05/2, dialecto local, texto; 44433, QRM de AIA (// 1610). 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. Voice of Nigeria observed February 3 on wrong languages: 0700-0800 15120 IK0 250 kW / 007 deg NoAf English, instead of French 1730-1800 15120 IK0 250 kW / 007 deg NoAf English, instead of Arabic <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/voice-of-nigeria-in-english-instead-of.html> http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/voice-of-nigeria-in-english-instead-of_4.html (DX RE MIX NEWS #895 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov, Feb 9, 2015 via DXLD)

7255, Voice of Nigeria; 2149-2201:59, 4-Feb; Peppy Afro & reggae beat tunes; M in presumed listed Hausa at 2151+ with Nigeria PO addy & <http://www.voiceofnigeria.org> Off abruptly in mid-tune. S20+ peaks! with moderate squeal QRM--SSB no help (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. February 2: Hamada Radio International in Hausa to WeAf 1930 on 11865 Nauen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3RVdwEBLZJI&feature=youtu.be>

Hamada Radio International in Hausa to WeAf 1945 on 11865 Nauen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oG3kZtAMVXw&feature=youtu.be>

Hamada Radio International in Hausa to WeAf 1955 on 11865 Nauen <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCnxRjmkync&feature=youtu.be> (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7350, Feb 9 at 0550, Hamada Radio International, daily via Nauen, GERMANY during this semihour, fair with drumming now (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. February 2: Dandal Kura in Kanuri to Nigeria vs ABC Radio Australia in English to EaAs 1830 on 12065
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Eyp9ZAbtGd8&feature=youtu.be>

Dandal Kura in Kanuri to Nigeria vs ABC Radio Australia in English to EaAs 1845 on 12065
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hk3Ffa4FkkI&feature=youtu.be>

Dandal Kura in Kanuri to Nigeria vs ABC Radio Australia in English to EaAs 1855 on 12065
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Chep56I-7I4&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12065, Feb 5 at 1802 UT, nothing but a JBA carrier here which could be R. Australia and/or Dandal Kura, the new US AID service via Ascension. Chris Greenway confirms my suspicion about the reason for this: ``Hi Glenn, Kanuri is the native language of Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau``. Let's hope he listens to reason, or rather this supports his potential further victims (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

February 6: Dandal Kura in Kanuri to Nigeria 1858 on 12065 Ascension
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1CSCN4p_01Y&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9440, Feb 9 at 0554, American accent briefly, then W&M conversation in presumed Kanuri, since this is the new Dandal Kura Radio hour via ASCENSION, fair signal even here. Kai Ludwig, Germany, comments to the DXLD yg:

``Just take a look at
http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/5/58/Nigeria_linguistic_1979.jpg
The regions of Nigeria in which Kanuri is spoken are essentially the very ones the state of Nigeria now more and more loses to Boko Haram. Considering this, the profile at
<https://twitter.com/dandalkura>
must be called a plain euphemism. Why USAID and not BBG/VOA? I fail to recognize an immediately obvious explanation for this approach. Kai``
Maybe avoids BBG bureaucracy (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

In a recently released Congressional Research Service report on Saturday's elections in Nigeria, no official mention of Dandal Kura is made. "Nigeria's 2015 Elections and the Boko Haram Crisis" edited by

Lauren Ploch Blanchard, a specialist in African Affairs, and dated January 28, 2015, was just issued last week.

It only makes a blind reference to US broadcasting efforts to the area. "The Obama Administration has nevertheless publicly committed support for Nigerian efforts to counter Boko Haram, including through support for the Nigerian military. USAID, the State Department, and the Broadcasting Board of Governors oversee programs to counter radicalization in Nigeria."

The report claims that Boko Haram controls 40 to 70 percent of Borno state and large chunks of territory in neighboring Yobe and Adamawa states, including border areas near Cameroon, all where kanuri is spoken and broadcasts are reportedly targeted.

Washington fears Boko Haram will try to undermine the ballots coming from those areas in this Saturday's close presidential race in Nigeria. Perhaps the Dandal Kura broadcasts will be expanded by the weekend. 73s (Marty Delfin, Madrid, Spain, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The elections have been postponed to March 28:
http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/nigeria-wahlen-verschoben.1818.de.html?dram:article_id=311026
(Kai Ludwig, Feb 10, ibid.)

** NORTH AMERICA. X BAND AT A GLANCE [i.e. Northern & Western Hemispheres only] [presumably maintained by Tony King, not credited]

1610

Caribbean Beacon, Anguilla EE religious. Dr Gene Scott /Mrs Scott
CHRN Montreal QU South Asian Format
CHHA Toronto ON SS ëRadio Voces Latinasí Call in SS and EE.
Distinctive chimes [1610 items mixed up in original hope unmixed]

1620

WDND South Bend IN Top 40
KOZN Bellevue NE CBS Sport
WTAW College StationñBryan TX 'Newstalk 16-20 WTAW' Takes C-to-C AM
KYIZ Renton WA Urban, r & b, hip-hop //KRIZ "Z Twins"
KSMH W Sacramento, CA Rel. ëIHR (Immaculate Heart Radio) Sacramentoî
WNRP Gulf Breeze FL News/Talk Fox News iNews Radio 1620î
R Rebelde Guant·namo & Guanabacoa SS. Distinctive 5 note chime on hour. Sync echo.
WDHP St Croix, US Virgin Islands Talk. Overnight NZT currently back to back music.

1630

KCJJ Iowa City IA Hot AC "Mighty 16-30 KCJJ"
KRND Fox Farm WY SS new ID iLa Jotaî 1/11
KKGM Ft Worth/Dallas TX Talk
WRDW Augusta GA Talk/Sport Fox, SRN.

1640

WSJP Sussex WI rel. Relevant Radio
KDZR Lake Oswego OR Disney 'KDZR Radio Disney Portland' "AM 1640 KDZR"
KDIS Vallejo CA Talk/religious/life issues
WTNI Biloxi MS CBS sport
KZLS Enid OK Talk i1640 The Eagleî
KBJA Sandy UT SS music overnite EE ID iKBJA AM Super 1640î

1650

KSVE El Paso TX ESPN SS iESPN Deportes 1650î
KCNZ Cedar Falls IA Fox Sport
KBJD Denver CO Rel. Radio Luz
KFOX Torrance CA Korean / EE ID on hour
CINA Mississauga ON South Asian format
WHKT Portsmouth VA Talk.iFreedom 16-50î
KYHN Fort Smith AR iConservative Talk Radioî [site: Oklahoma]

1660

KTIQ Merced CA "Radio Visa" SS. EE ID "KTIQ Merced La Voz Cristianaî
WBCN Charlotte NC CBS Sport // WKQC
WWRU Jersey City NJ Korean
WCNZ Marco Is FL Slogan: iTwang 106.7î
WQLR Kalamazoo MI iFox Sports Radio 1660, The Fanî
KRZI Waco TX News on hr/local ads :05 ðESPN Central Texas 1660 KRZIî
KQWB West Fargo ND Now C & W iWillie 1660î
KXOL Brigham City UT SS ID in EE on hour i K X O L 1660î/KOVO Provo
ðMi Preferida 104.7î
KWORD Kansas City KS iTalk radio KMBZ Business Channel 1660 Kansasî
CJRS Montreal QE Radio Shalom - ethnic.

1670

WPLA Dry Branch, GA Fox Sports iAll Sports 1670î
WOZN Madison WI CBS Sport and SRN iThe Zoneî
CJEU Gatineau QC Radio Disney en franÁais.
KHPY Moreno Valley, CA Radio CatÓlica SS. Sung ID on hr. "KHPY Moreno
Valley 1670"
KNRO Redding CA CBS Sport

1680

WTTM Lindenwold, NJ Ethnic ñ Asian ðRadio Unicaî
WOKB Winter Garden FL Gospel iWOKB Winter Garden-Orlandoî
WPRR Ada MI ID i Public Reality Radioî
KGED Fresno CA iConservative Talk Radio 1680î

KNTS Seattle WA SS Religious. EE ID 00:10 after hour. iRadio Luzi
KRJO Monroe LA iClassic Country 1680 KRJOi

1690

KDDZ Arvada CO "R. Disney AM 16-90 KDDZ Arvada Denver"
KFSG Roseville CA Ethnic EE ID on hr "KFSG Sacramento"
WVON Berwyn, IL Talk eThe Talk of Chicago 1690 WVONi ID includes morse
code.
WMLB Avondale Estates GA News/Talk CNN. ID with birdsong hourly at
59:45
WPTX Lexington Park MD News/Talk/Sports YL with ID iWPTX Lexington
Park 1690i
CJLO Montreal Q EE college station
CHTO Toronto ON AM 1690. Ethnic.
WIGT Charlotte Amalie US VI new 920 watts

1700

WEUP Huntsville AL Black Gospel i1700 WEUP the Peoples Stationi
KKLF Richardson-Dallas-Ft Worth TX now SS iKick 1700i
KBGG Des Moines IA CBS Sport iThe Champ 1700i
KVNS Brownsville TX Fox Sport
XEPE Tecate BCN MX ESPN sports/talk
WJCC North Miami Beach FL eRadio Mega 1700i
(NEW ZEALAND DX TIMES PAGE 36 FEBRUARY 2015 via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. Howdy Gents: A few pirate logs. I missed all the
Saturday evening activity.

PIRATE-NA XLR8, 6925 USB, 0055-0109*, 01-30-15, SI0: 343. Tunes
"Sunshine Of My Love" by Cream, "Smoke Marijuana" by Sizzla Kalonji,
ID by OM 0109 and then off. [Lobdell-MA]

PIRATE-NA. TCS-The Crystal Ship. 6850 AM, 0117-0136+, 02-06-15, SI0:
444. Nice audio and signal. Tunes by Point, Blank, Smithereens,
Scorpions, Moody Blues. Frequent IDS/email info. [Lobdell-MA]
(Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC
NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter Dipole, G5RV dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Wolverine Radio. Sunday, February 1, 2015, 0132,
6925 usb. Nice blues guitar music, very good signal. Sounds like SSTV
underneath, another station nearby? Wolverine SSTV at 0138. s7/s9.
(Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland radio@zappahead.net DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. OLD RADIO PROGRAM PIRATE: 6770/AM, 2355, 31-Jan; Red
Skelton Show sponsored by Avalon cigarettes. SI0=353-

+++ 0204, 1-Feb; Jack Benny Show. SI0=353-

+++ 0454-0501+, 1-Feb; NBC Colgate Hour of Fun with The Dennis Day Show; ads for Colgate Dental Cream, Palmolive soap & Lustre Cream Shampoo; 0500 into Murder at Midnight. SI0=3+53+, best ever heard!

+++ 0101, 2-Feb; Amos & Andy. SI0=352+, best in USB

+++ 0449-0500+, 2-Feb; Repeat of 24 hrs prior; Dennis Day Show on the Colgate Hour of Comedy, then Murder at Midnight @0500. SI0=3+53

+++ 2321, 2-Feb; Ipana toothpaste ad into The Alan Young Show; SI0=352+, much better than just a few minutes earlier. I have yet to hear Fibber McGee & Molly (among many others).

+++ 2321-2333+, 3-Feb; The Alan Young Show with Vitalis ad to 2329 NBC chimes into Avalon Time with Red Skelton & Avalon cigarette ads, SI0=352+ & improving.

+++ 0200, 4-Feb; Alice Faye & Phil Harris. SI0=353-

+++ 0200, 5-Feb; Phil Harris & Alice Faye Show sponsored by Rexall Drug stores (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Old time radio station. Friday, February 6, 2015, 1700, 6770 am. Life of Riley radio show. Pabst Blue Ribbon beer commercials at 1711 at 1728. "America's favorite silverplate" presents Ozzy and Harriet at s5/s7, fair to good signal (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Old Radio Program Pirate: 6770/AM:

2125-2132+, 6-Feb; Sounded like Amos & Andy at tune-in, to 2128 Armed Forces Radio spot; 2129:30 spot sounded like an anti-cigarette ad PSA, but morphed into a Phillip Morris cigarette ad, into "Phillip Morris Presents". SI0=252+, best in USB

+++ 23122 [sic], 6-Feb; Alan Young Show, SI0=2+52+, best in USB

+++ 0124-0131+, 7-Feb; Big band at tune-in to Lucky Strike ad, "Be happy, go Lucky, so mild, so smooth...LSMFT" into Jack Benny

+++ 0218, 7-Feb Phil Harris & Alice Faye. SI0=253-

+++ 0312, 7-Feb; Abbott & Costello. SI0=353

+++ 0441-0501+, 7-Feb; Dennis Day Show followed by Murder at Midnight

episode The House Where Death Lives. This makes the 3rd time I've heard this combo at the same time. SI0=353

+++ 2244-2300+, 7-Feb; Tales of the Texas Rangers with Joel McCrea sponsored by Wheaties; Wild Bill Hickock at 2300 intro'd by Andy Devine. Fair

+++ -140 [sic], 8-Feb; Jack Benny. Poor/Fair

+++ 00233 [sic], 8-Feb; barely audible (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. The Crystal Ship relay on now --- A relay op on 6850 kHz AM, in progress now (0030 UT [Feb 6]) (John Poet, The Crystal Ship /TCS Shortwave Relay Network <http://www.tcsshortwave.com> via gh, 0043 UT Feb 6, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

A TCS show is expected to be relayed this evening on 6850 kHz AM. Startup was to be around 2300 UT (6:00 pm EST) or thereafter; hopefully things work out. As always we'd appreciate any loggings to the Free Radio Café NA pirates forum.

John Poet, The Crystal Ship /TCS Shortwave Relay Network
<http://www.tcsshortwave.com>

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The Free Radio Weekly: A weekly Email publication with the most current pirate loggings and information now being published anywhere! Send your free subscription requests to freeradioweekly@gmail.com and tell 'em that we sent ya! (John Poet, 2255 UT Feb 8, DX LISTENING DIGEST via gh, 2336 UT Feb 8, dxldyg via DXLD)

6850 AM TCS - The Crystal Ship USA [sic] PIRATE Feb/08/15 2300 UT English VG. Thanks to JOHN POET, the Operator of this Station for sending me an Email to alert me to this broadcast getting ready to start!! Need all the help we can get eh!! First heard a Carrier and Tone at 2300 UT (Transmitter Tune up???) Another Carrier and Tone heard at 2306. Signed on at 2307. Song by The GO-GOs "We got the Beat" at 2307-2309. Into song "Touch and Go" by THE CARS at 2309-2314. Song by DER KOMMISAR at 2314-2320. ID given by Male DJ at 2320 as

"You're listening to The 80's Sounds on the Crystal Ship, On the TCS Radio Relay Network".

More 80's Music by the Psychedelic Furs at 2320-2324 UT. Song called "I'd give my all" at 2324-2327 UT. Song by HUMAN LEAGUE "Don't you want me Baby" at 2327-2331 UT. Another ID as above at 2332. GARY NUMAN song "In Cars" at 2336-2340. Funny ad at 2344. Spot for the FREE RADIO CAFE at 2347. ID at 2349. Mentioned "Total Disregard for the FCC!! Another ID and into song "Video killed the Radio Star" at 2349-2353. Had to leave for a while, but still in with a strong signal at 0024 UT Re-Tune with ID also at 0024. RADIO USED, DRAKE R8B. ANTENNA USED, 180 Foot Longwire. 73, ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6925-AM, slightly on hi side, Feb 6 at 0259, poor signal with pirate music, seemed to quit at 0309. No announcements heard. Several logs from 0150 to 0247 say it was Liquid Radio then: <http://www.hfunderground.com/board/index.php/topic,20554.0.html> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6930-USB, Feb 7 at 0041, pirate music, with YL parlato at the moment, 0047 wild rock, 0050 ``X-L-R-8`` ID, more music; 0131 another XLR8 ID but this one by synthetic voice, pause and more music; good signal (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6950-USB, Feb 11 at 0103, pirate music, good signal playing ``When I Was Young``, 0106 pause and another song. Seems to have some co-channel USB 2-way QRM, peskies? Can't tell if in Spanish or English, but pirate pumps plenty power to overcome any local harmonic QRM from KCRC Enid, 5 x 1390 which can usually be heard when nothing else is on 6950. May have missed a quick ID at 0108 as I was bandscanning on other receiver, but 0116 caught ``X-L-R-8``. Off at next check 0141 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Thursday, February 5, 2015, 1953, 14313 usb. Kind of like a Bizarro-world version of Ann Hoffer Radio, some guy is playing a guitar on 22 meters and singing insulting songs to "Jailbird Jerry," who responds in real time with a stream of profanities. This went back and forth for several minutes. The singer was s9, Jerry was down about s3 (Will-MD via Captain Ganja via Michigan web SDR) (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland radio@zappahead.net DX LISTENING DIGEST) So did Larry hear this or is he quoting Captain Ganja backwardsly? (gh)

** NORTH AMERICA. Radio Clandestine: 6925/USB, 0013-0040+, 8-Feb; Probably an 80s vintage program. A hearty Huzzah to whoever relayed this. Mix of rock tunes & bits, including an ad for Marijuana Helper; Mr. Wizard episode on how to make a nuclear reactor out of an old spatula (from Spatula City?). Gave presumed long obsolete old Battle

Creek MI drop addy by Wanda Lust & Boris. SIO=444- with buzz burst QRM till about 0038, then dropped off drastically. Heard Radio Clandestine & Radio Newyork Int'l later on 5110 WBCQ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6925, RADIO CLANDESTINE, USA [sic] PIRATE, Feb/08/15, 0010 UT, English, VG 20 Over S9. Haven't heard this great Pirate Station since the Early 1980's!! Probably a Relay by someone else but still nice to hear them again! Rock Music "Born Loser" at 0010-0014. RF Burns was the DJ and said "At this time we present our music Program" at 0014. "Our Music will continue after this word from our Sponsor". Funny ad for "Marijuana Helper" at 0015. RADIO CLANDESTINE ad at 0016. Song called "Aba-Daba [sic] Honeymoon at 0016-0017. DJ said "Hello, this is RF Burns, Your Host for this broadcast of Radio Clandestine" at 0023. Funny Skit called "Time for Mr. Wizard" at 0024-0026. ID as "The Public Affairs Dept. of Radio Clandestine". Into songs "Picking up the pieces" and "Rocknroll Hootchie Coo".

Gave an address at 0034 but couldn't copy it due to a Fade Out "BOX ??ÖUSA" Not sure if it was their OLD Address or a new One?? Gave ID 20 TIMES in a row at 0045!! Into Laughter and another ID. Song "Ain't got no Home` at 0050. Off Air at 0057. This is one of the CLASSIC USA Pirates from the Earlier Days of Pirate Radio!! RADIO USED, DRAKE R8B. ANTENNA USED, 180 Foot Longwire. 73, ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ODXA yg via DXLD)

Rob claims the pirates he hears are in the USA, but how does he know for sure they are not in his own CANADA? That's why we file them under NORTH AMERICA, until busted by the FCC (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 3440 kHz, WHYP USA [sic] PIRATE. Partial Data QSL SHEET picturing "Glen [sic] Hauser finally figuring out how to decode Pirate Station XFM's Stereo Signal!!" Received in about 1 week total after having technical difficulties on my end receiving the file containing the QSL!! Thanks to James Brownyard for going above the call of duty on this one!! (ROSS, ON. Feb 11, ODXA yg via DXLD) see also TASMANIA [non]

** OKLAHOMA. Earth tremors detected in our second-floor radio room: UT Feb 7 at 0047:10 and another at 0049:35. These don't show on the USGS roster, I suppose under 2.5 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, Feb 5 at 1923 UT, KEOR Catoosa etc. OK is still open carrier/dead air; no KMOX audible under it this time.

1120, Feb 7 at 2057 UT, KEOR Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa is still open carrier dead air. How long has it been? Latest spate I first noted January 19, so that makes 19 days at least so far (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1140, Feb 8 circa 2040 UT on caradio, KRMP OKC is in dead air, for at least a few minutes, like 1120 KEOR Tulsa is constantly; and the latter still so 24 hours later Feb 9 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1360 & 1420, Feb 5 at 1916 UT I check the two spur frequencies from local 1390 KCRC --- no more audible hets against weak 1360 KPHN KS, or 1420 KTJS OK. However, I suspect the spurs are still radiating, just 'adjusted' to be closer to 1360 and 1420, because listening closely on 1360 there is now a sudaudible heterodyne --- that could be KPHN vs KDJW in Amarillo, but now I have my doubts.

At 1916 UT I hear no SAH on 1420, presumed KTJS Hobart OK. But over a minute's time at 2024 UT, the SAH rate on 1420 varies from fast to medium back to fast, meaning one of the carriers is unstable. It's more than an hour later, however, and there could be skywave from some other station to confuse matters. Also at 2024, 1360 now has a fast SAH verging on an audible rumble. Still suspect both these are coming out of KCRC, just less obviously (Glenn Hauser, caradio inside Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

1360v & 1420v, Feb 7 at 2038 UT, spurhets are back from strongest local, 1390 KCRC. This time I'm on the porch, nice sunny afternoon, DFing with the DX-398, and they do point to KCRC. Stronger het is on 1360, since victim KPHN El Dorado KS, EWTN has more of a signal than 1420, KTJS Hobart OK. The pitches are slightly different, estimated per my keyboard which doesn't go that low, but trying to match an octave higher: approx. 170 Hz on 1360, 155 Hz on 1420. (At night on 1420 there is a much bigger rumble, some other station way off.) (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.1, Sat Feb 7 circa 2000 UT, I notice that the stream from KUCO Edmond is silent instead of Metropolitan Opera; and 90.1 on the air is also silent at 2006! Remodulating by next check 2033 UT. I suppose their computer automation failed again and a staffer such as Kimberley Powell had to rush into the studio to reset it on a day off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 578-584 MHz, channel 32 in Enid, circa 1530 UT Feb 5, still has a mostly 'bad' signal level, with occasional tiling from something: not sure if that's just an artifact of the converter, from KXOK-LD 31's intercity relay duplicating transmitter WQOS306, while

main channel RF31 remains vanished. There are several RF32s in KS and OK, all LD or translators, unlikely without some tropo boost. However, 780 kW KDAF in Dallas is on 32, and my antenna is aimed at it, but not getting it now: By 1820 UT, 31-1 is black, while 31-2 is color bars with PSIP M-FOX. There is also a signal on RF 31 too bad to decode at all, maybe OKC or Wichita (but no RF 45 which would match Wichita) (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. 15140, Feb 5 at 2157, RSO with ME music, good signal, much better than they manage in the mornings for the English hour at 14. Wonder if they have boosted their signal in honor of the A-15 HFCC Conference which is just wrapping up in Muscat (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15140, Radio Sultanate of Oman, Thumrayt. 0010 February 6, 2015. Local level with Qur'an recital, audience applause between versus, 0013 male Arabic ID, piano and Arabic popular vocals. Continued through 0108 tune-out, here instead of 11650 today I suppose. No other channels heard (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PANAMA [non]. Antena DX: Debido al esquema ambiguo de WRMI, la emisi n en 5985 debe cambiarse al mi rcoles TU:

WRMI Radio Miami Internacional, Miami, Estados Unidos

[horas y d as s lo Universales]

Lunes 1330 por 9955 kHz

Mi rcoles 0430 por 5985 kHz [y no el jueves]

Mi rcoles 1200 por 9955 kHz

Viernes 0200 por 9955 kHz

<http://www.wrmi.net/>

73, (Guillermo Glenn Hauser, noticias dx yg et al., via DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 7325-, Feb 6 at 1408, JBA carrier slightly on the low side. As before on Feb 2, this is during the half-hour window when strong CRI signal is taking a break, a sign that Wantok Radio Light, 1 kW, is active again. If not, what else is it? The WRTH National Radio update issued today says unequivocally that WRL is back, but I've yet to see any definite logs of it, not even by Ron Howard in California. As in DXLD 15-04: Rick Barton in AZ presumed he heard it in Englishish on Jan 23 Ron Howard in CA could not hear even a carrier on Jan 24 or 25, but reminds us the frequency had been 7324.96 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Sorry for the delay in sending along my logs. Seem to be slowing down some in my reporting. Here is a summary of my recent Wantok Radio Light activity.

Feb 2: Glenn, you reported i7325-, Feb 2 at 1411, JBA carrier,

slightly on lo side compared to 9325 KTWR should it be accurate. Heavy
ute QRM further on the lo side. This is during the CRI break, a window
for 1 kW Wantok Radio Light if possibly back on after inactivity.î

After my numerous attempts to hear WRL, I also heard them just before
you did, also for the first time, at 1404, on 7324.96, with definite
religious singing; just above threshold level audio.

Feb 3, at 1409, with some audio, but basically unusable.

Feb 4, after CRI went off at 1357, just open carrier till 1424, when
transmitter turned on from CRI; no audio today.

Feb 5, at 0843, sounded like the usual programming of the preaching by
the late Dr. Tayo Adeyemi (New Wine Church, United Kingdom) till 0859;
PNG bird call at 0903 to start the news, which was // 3385 NBC East
New Britain; poor.

Feb 6, at 0743, with religious music; just above threshold level
audio; 0802 PNG bird call and into the news, which was // NBC East New
Britain (3385); 0811 îWantok Radio Lightî ID (Ron Howard, California,
1531 UT Feb 7, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7325-, Feb 7 at 1357, JBA carrier once CRI is off, again suspected
Wantok Radio Light. Now we've heard from Ron Howard, Asilomar State
Beach, California, who confirms he has been hearing it Feb 2 thru 6,
but not always with audio (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello Glenn, Noticed your log. At a check at 0755 there is certainly a
carrier on 7324,96. Only a S3 signal just above noise level so no
audio could be traced. I could follow the carrier at least to 0900. At
1000 another stronger carrier starts with several on/off's. But also
too weak to tell language. CRI is said to start at 1000 so most likely
them. Due to the fade off time here it "might be" a sign of WRL but
who knows.

What about AIR Jaipur who is listed here - active at this time???

Compare log in DX Listening Digest 15-04 January 28 for India.

``The following regional stations changed from their Morning
frequencies on 60 Meters (4 & 5 MHz frequencies) to their day time
frequencies between 0335-0350 UT (i.e. much earlier than usual):

6000	Leh	xxx
6040	Jeyapore	xxx noted on 5040, 353
6065	Kohima	xxx
6085	Gangtok	xxx
6150	Itanagar	xxx

7230 Kurseong xxx
7295 Aizawl xxx
7315 Shillong 252
7325 Jaipur 353 Hindi
7440 Lucknow 353 Hindi

[later:] Hello again, India is not a candidate here, just the other seldom heard station on that frequency and I have not seen their schedule lately. Just checked a daylight map and a presumptive WRL is in the greyzone. I have an unanswered report from June last year and perhaps I will write a letter asking for the current status and also ask for a reply of a follow up report. 73 (Thomas Nilsson, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non log]. 7324.96, Wantok Radio Light. Feb 11 with no trace of a signal during clear window; checking at 1405 and 1414. Thanks to Dave Valko's alert - "no hint of a signal here from Wantok at 0915 check. (11 Feb.)." So already off the air again after their brief reappearance? (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4747.6, R. Huanta 2000, Huanta, 2324-2332, 05/2, castelhano, an'ncios para curandeiros, tudo com fundo musical; 35343. Por esta hora, parece ser quase trivial ouvir falar em curandeiros, na R. Huanta 2000, seja a propôsito de an'ncios, seja a propôsito de rubricas sobre eles.

4774.9, R. Tarma, Tarma, 2319-2330, 05/2, castelhano, an'ncios comerciais, m'sica pop'; 44343, QRM do B, em 4775.

4824.5, La Voz de la Selva, Iquitos, 2316-2323, 05/2, castelhano, texto, m'sica; 23331, QRM de CODAR.

4955, R. Cultural Amauta, Huanta, 2300-2314, 05/2, castelhano e quíchua, texto, an'ncios de programaÁ,,o; 35332.

4985.5, R. Voz Cristiana, Chilca, 2247-2256, 08/2, quíchua, texto, canÁies e m'sica Índias; 25331. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU [and non]. 5025, R. QUILLABAMBA, 7/2 2350 UT. Avisos en espaòol. SINPO: 42542 con QRM de Radio Rebelde (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regiùn, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU. FALLECI" HERM"GENES DELGADO TORRES, DUE-O DE RADIO MELODÕA DE AREQUIPA --- by gruporadioescuchaargentino

Los noticieros del medio día de Radio Melodía S.A. en AM y FM fueron interrumpidos luego que se conociera la muerte de don Hermógenes Delgado Torres, fundador y propietario de esta emisora arequipeña.

Tras informar de su muerte los locutores enviaron a corte comercial, para luego intentar retomar el noticiero pero las llamadas del público y amigos hicieron que el programa pase a ser dedicado a uno de los pioneros de los noticieros radiales en Arequipa.

Desde hace meses, la salud del fundador de una de las importantes radios arequipeñas era delicada. La muerte le llegó a los 82 años de edad.

Las muestras de dolor de inmediato llegaron a través de los teléfonos de la emisora y también en las redes sociales, tanto por periodistas, medios de comunicación y los oyentes de Melodía.

El velorio de sus restos mortales se realiza desde las 15:30 horas en el velatorio de Cristo Rey en la Pampilla (date? La República via GRA blog Feb 6 via DXLD)

Used to be on SW. Does the obit mention that? Of course not! The excellent but no longer updated archive LA-DX <http://www.mcdxt.it/LASWLOGS.html> has these listings and even an audio clip:

5906.41, PRU R Melodía, Arequipa [0705-1055/2230-0430](.3-.44)
Feb04 A 0900* see 5996

5939.3v, PRU R Melodía, Arequipa [0900/-1344/-2250+](38.5-40.0)
Jan10 D SS 0900* see 5906,5996

5996.60, PRU R Melodía, Arequipa [2305-1045](94.95-96.72)
May04 A see 6042LVd1L ex-5940,5907 (skd)24hrs
//1220AM [but no entry for 6042]

http://www.mcdxt.it/Clips/PRU/5995.3_Radio_Melodia_Arequipa_28Jul93_PRU.mp3
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU [and non]. 5980, Feb 7 at 0040, JBA carrier presumed R. Chaski; at 0100 now seems like there are two JBA carriers, with BBCWS via UAE added, and traces of modulation. At 0101:36 one of them goes off, which would be Chaski. Now to try to track progression of approx. 5.83 seconds later per 24 hours, but the BBC QRM doesn't facilitate it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5980, R. CHASKI, 7/2 2355 UT. Portadora al aire con cierta modulación por debajo, correspondiente a Nacional de Perú. SINPO: 55544 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

5980, R. CHASKI, 10/2 0005 UT. Programa 'Alimento para el Alma' de Radio Transmundial y avisos de como adquirir material en Per'. A las 0010 hay ID de Red Radio Integridad y un estudio sobre el egoismo. SINPO: 54544 con leve QRM de otra emisora sin identificar con sobremodulaci n (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

[and non]. 5980, Feb 11 at 0059, two JBA carriers a few Hz apart beating against each other, i.e. BBC via UAE, and R. Chaski, until the latter goes off at 0101:58*. The remainder is wobbling a bit with Doppler. Last check 4 nights ago on Feb 7 had the Chaski offgo at 0101:36, i.e. 22 seconds earlier, which is about right averaging 5.5 seconds later per (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 15449.971, FEBC Manila via Iba in Mongolian service, interval signal at 0830 UT, Feb 9, religious program at 0830-0900 UT. Backlobe of 330 deg Iba site antenna. S=9+10dB strength (Wolfgang B.schel, log of Feb 9 at 0815-0902 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Sydney, NSW, Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. QSLs: See KURDISTAN [non]

** ROMANIA. Radio Romania International program 'All That Jazz' --- When do they run that program? I haven't heard it recently. 73, (Mark Clark, Lancaster County, PA, Feb 8, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Rumen Pankov writes: Re Apsua/Abkhaz R log, according to Russian sources, the transmitter on 1350 is not located in Sukhumi (Abkhazia) with 5 kW but is near Armavir/ Tbillisskaya, Russia with maybe 50 kW (Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. The Bulgarian DX blog posted some recordings of the Communist Party of Russia Radio Comintern, heard on 6989.9 kHz with power of 1 kW. I'm guessing this is a pirate transmitter. The link: <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.co.uk/2015/01/radio-comintern-on-new-frequency.html> To find out more about the station go to its website: <http://rossosh-kprf.narod.ru/music.html> (Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

February 8: Comintern Radio, Russian Songs 1406 on 6989.8 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VlbwtzAliYE&feature=youtu.be> (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. Radio Rwanda observed on 5 January with news in English at 1929-1945 followed by pop songs, on 6055 kHz (Rumen Pankov, Blgaria, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) English news usually at 1830v (ed., ibid.)

** RWANDA [and non]. Deutsche Welle relay station in Kigali will be closed at end of B-14 and dismantled afterwards. Videos with some of Kigali frequencies:

0730-0800 on 17800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf English
1300-1400 on 15275 KIG 250 kW / 310 deg to WeAf Hausa
1300-1400 on 17800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa // 21780 DHA
1500-1600 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
1500-1600 on 11800 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to CeAf Swahili
1600-1700 on 9610 KIG 250 kW / 030 deg to EaAf Amharic
1600-1700 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / non-dir to EaAf Amharic
1700-1800 on 9800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf French
1700-1800 on 17800 KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf French // 15275 ISS
1800-1900 on 15275*KIG 250 kW / 310 deg to WeAf Hausa
1800-1900 on 17800*KIG 250 kW / 295 deg to WeAf Hausa
* on March 24 this broadcast will be final via relay station in Kigali

Full winter B-14 schedule of Deutsche Welle until March 24 here:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/deutsche-welle-relay-station-in-kigali.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

AWR had also started broadcasts via Kigali from B-14 period. Their schedule is:

UTC	kHz	Language (Target area)
0500-0600	15700	Arabic (Egypt, Iraq, Arab Peninsula)
0600-0630	17800	French (Cameroon, Ghana, Senegal)
0600-0630	15700	French (Cameroon, Ghana, Senegal)
1630-1657	11850	Tigrinya (Eritrea)
1700-1730	9490	Amharic (Ethiopia)
1930-2000	17800	Fulfulde (Cameroon, Ghana, Senegal)
2000-2030	17800	French (Cameroon, Niger)
2030-2100	15275	Yoruba (Nigeria)

(Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. Dear Richard, Here are the following informations I have at hand:

DW relay station in Kigali / Rwanda will be closed at end of B14 season (28th Mar 2015) and dismantled afterwards.

All shortwave services

DW English <http://www.dw.de> ;
DW Amharic <http://www.dw.de/amharic> ;
DW French <http://www.dw.de/francais> ;
DW Hausa <http://www.dw.de/hausa> ;
DW Swahili <http://www.dw.de/kiswahili> ;

DW Dari <http://www.dw.de/dari> ;
DW Pashto <http://www.dw.de/pashto> ;
will be continued in A15 (29th Mar 2015 onwards) by rentals at same
times and to same service areas.

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(via Richard Lemke, AB, Feb 9, DXLD)

** RWANDA [non]. 17605, 07/2 1615, R. Inyabutatu - Kynyarwanda talk OM
buono (Roberto Pavanello, Vercelli / Italia, bclnews.it yg via DXLD)

Still scheduled at 1600-1630 Saturdays only per Aoki (gh, DXLD)

** SAINT MARTIN. 21260-USB, Feb 7 at 2009, FS5PL is making simplex
contacts with lots of US stations, French accent, some contacts in
Spanish, en franÁais disant, ``sur les Antilles``, finally mentions
Saint-Martin, and name Lionel, as per QRZ.com:

FS5PL France
PHALIER LIONEL
241 PARC DE LA BAIE ORIENTALE
97150 ST MARTIN
France
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. Radio Riyadh Holy Qur'an on wrong frequency:
from 1600 NF 17625 RIY 500 kW / 270 deg WCAf Arabic, instead of 17560
// frequency 13710 RIY 500 kW / 295 deg NEAf Arabic
// frequency 15205 RIY 500 kW / 320 deg WeEu Arabic, video on Feb 8:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-riyadh-holy-quran-on-wrong.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SERBIA [non]. New Year's Eve monitoring, 2135 UT: International
Radio Serbia. 6100 kHz. IRS is on-air in French just ending their news
and into some nice Serbian ballads. There is some talk from time to
time, but Iím happy to just let that wash over me until the next tune
comes along, and before I know it, we have reached the top of the hour
and the transmission moves seamlessly into English without even a
ihelloí. Instead, straight into this fantastic introduction:

iIt is a common thing in Serbia that everything starts and ends in a
bar. Childbirth is celebrated, couples fall in love, business deals
are made, taking a break from hard work or having a drink for
someoneís soul to rest in peace. Behind the bar tables, the
Governments were toppled, laws were passed, journalists wrote their
articles. It was the visiting place for the merchants, craftsmen,

elite and artists. The bars were places for drinking, eating or spending the night.î

Following was a half hour talk on the history of bars in Serbia. (The first bar, it seems, was opened by the Turks in 1522). There was plenty of Serbian music throughout ñ drinking songs and ballads that could well have been sung in bars throughout the country. The programme wrapped up at 2230 UT with one more tune following these words:

i= and so it is this New Yearís Eve = the guests in the Serbian Capital and their hosts will meet the New Year with hot [?.], hot brandy, singing, dancing and laughing. Dear listeners, we wish you a Happy New Year, and may it bring you a lot of health and joy of lifeî. Thanks, International Radio Serbia, that was a great programme ñ thoroughly enjoyed! (Alan Roe, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. According to a late December blog by Ashley Wickham, SIBC General Manager: iwe are about to buy new FM transmitters to install early next year (2015) at Kirakira and Taro Island with others to follow in all provinces. This is part of the ðUnity FM projectí which will shift the delivery platform from the old shortwave technology we have used for about 50 years to CD quality FMî (Feb NZ DX Times via DXLD) Goodbye to 5020, 9545 (gh)

** SOMALILAND. 7120, R. Hargeisa (presumed), Feb 10, finally heard again after many months silent; 1536-1550; sounded right to be in Somali, but no ID heard, speeches and HOA music; poor-fair. Think I would have had better reception if I had tuned in earlier. Very nice to hear this one again! Audio HOA music:
<https://app.box.com/s/f11udyoxvqa6b5je6hy07g6ttkkz0qjj>
(Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Somaliland - Radio Hargeisa again on 7120 kHz. Actually, 1830Z, S9 in center of France! (Francis, F5MIU, IARU Intruder Alert via Wolfgang B,schel, DXLD)

SOMALIA, 7120.000, Somaliland ist wieder repariert! Heute wieder auf Sendung im Ham Radio Band, soeben um 1830 UT am 10. Febr mit S=8 und - 78dB Signal, sch^ne melodische HoA Musik, bei der DARC OV Amberg remote Perseus Ger%tschaft geh^rt.

Da ist der chinesische Reparatur Ingenieur von BBEF Beijing mal wieder vorbei gekommen. Vielleicht f%hrt er auch noch nach Gredia, N'Djamena in den Chad um die 6165 kHz unit zu reparieren ?

My last log: ``6164.962, Radio Tchad, Rdif. Nat. Tchadienne, Gredia,

N'Djamena, in mixture of Vernacular/French language, at 0137 UT on Oct 6, 2013, S=8-9 bcast wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Dec 24, 2013)``

73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel, 1906 UT Feb 10, intruder-alert IARU mailing list via wb, DXLD) Suggest Chinese engineer`s next stop: CHAD?

7120, Feb 11 at 0327, R. Hargeisa reactivated!! Open carrier, fair signal, 0330 music, 0331 Qur'an, 0333 announcement and talk in presumed Somali. CW and SSB QRM, plus intermittent carrier jamming presumably by ham. Good to hear it again.

I periodically have checked for Hargeisa around sign-on but not reported negative results. Kouji Hashimoto in Japan used to log its slightly variable closing time around 1900 every night, and says he last heard it Nov 10 and will resume monitoring in the spring. Ron Howard first reported 7120 back this morning, Feb 10 at 1536-1550 by long path to California; Wolfgang B,schel reports the IARU intruder-watchers in Europe have jumped right on it. Pity during its hiatus, R. Hargeisa did not redesign itself not to intrude, on some other frequency. Now to see if I can detect a carrier by LP before its 1400* break (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Feb 11, noted open carrier at 0326; at 0330 start of the Somaliland National Anthem --- studio quality audio at -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-TpZfuxnng>
followed by reciting from the Qur'an; weak signal (Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DXLD)

7120, SOMALIA, Radio Hargeisa at 0330 in Somali with marching band anthem and Qu'ran chanting to 0333 then a man with brief talk and into another man with talk with mentions of iHargeisaî ñ Fair to Good Feb 11 (Mark Coady, Ont., ODXA yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

7120, RADIO HARGEISA, Hargeisa, SOMALIA, Feb/11/15, 0338 UT, SOMALI, FAIR-GOOD. Male announcer with news items in SOMALI language at 0338-0344 UT tune in. Into local string music that seemed "Anthem Like" at 0344-0345. Male spoke again at 0345-0351. Many mentions of "Aribiya" sounded like a remote report opt interview with live sounds in the background?? Signal building nicely at 0347. Male with commentary and second announcer with break in reports at 0353-0359. Local string and flute music 0359-0400. Male spoke at 0400 with announcements - Possibly an ID in there somewhere; couldn't be sure?? Then into vocal music 0400-0402. Male spoke again at 0402. Signal dropping off now as daylight takes over Somalia. Still in at 0411 with male talking, but very weak now. RADIO USED, DRAKE R8B; ANTENNA USED, 180 foot longwire. 73 ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ODXA yg via DXLD)

7120, R. Hargeisa, *1500, Feb 11. Effective grayline reception; Hargeisa sunset at 1512, while my sunrise was at 1500; open carrier at 1453; at 1500 start of the Somaliland National Anthem; ID for "Radio Hargeisa Somaliland"; reciting from Qur'an; monologue in assume Somali; 1514 call-to-prayer (Maghirib prayer - sunset prayer); fair.

Unable to confirm if they still have English from 1320 to 1340, as signal was far below threshold level; by 1356, I seemed to have their open carrier that went off about 1401. My edited audio at <https://app.box.com/s/j6yo8m5c83bty95onnptugxyppohfzn6> (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7120-, Feb 11 at 1321, JBA carrier, vs CW QRM from a KC7 et al., 1323 maybe a trace of music, so presumed reactivated R. Hargeisa via long path. It's slightly on the lo side compared to 6120 and 1120 stations. Ron Howard in California was listening at the same time, but says ``Unable to confirm if they still have English from 1320 to 1340, as signal was far below threshold level; by 1356, I seemed to have their open carrier that went off about 1401``. And he had it much better after the carrier came back on at 1453, programming from 1500. Again Feb 12 at 1354, I have a JBA carrier on 7120 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. New Year's Eve monitoring: 1700 UT: Channel Africa. 15235 kHz. Actually, I tuned in a little early and enjoyed a little African music before the English Service took over on the hour with Africa Digest and the news. Unfortunately, no effort expended in providing any special New Year's Eve programming; instead we have, following the news, three back to back episodes of Democracy Radio iVoices and choices beyond the ballot box". I assume that this is normally a weekly segment in Africa Digest. The three episodes dealt in turn with a democracy meeting in Durban, a South African national mobilisation plan to stop the spread of AIDS and a public transport plan for Cape Town. Worthy programming, no doubt about that, but a little dull for New Year's Eve!

Incidentally ñ I tuned again to Channel Africa on 2 January (same time, same frequency) where the scheduled Africa Digest programme is, I assume, taking a holiday break and was replaced this day by an edition of Rhythms of Africa. This programme is normally scheduled weekdays at 0800-0900 UT and not normally audible here in the UK. In fact, I have never heard this programme before. Described in part on the Channel Africa website as follows:

The Music Program iRhythms of Africaî is focusing on various music styles throughout the African Continent. [=] Budding artists are also

given a platform, the idea behind the program is to develop, preserve and promote the rich multicultural talent of the African Continent [=] music is one of the most important artistic creativities on the African Continent both instrumental and unaccompanied vocal performance.

This was a very enjoyable selection of African tunes, and would have been perfect fill for New Year's Eve = It's time to have a break, with dinner and alcohol calling! However, 1800 to 1900 UT is a prime slot providing good reception of several stations. So Winradio to the rescue (Alan Roe, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. ;FRICA DO SUL, 3320, SAUK/R. Sonder Grense, Meyerton, 2214-2227, 05/2, afric,nder, canÁies; 35432.

9650 idem, 1737-1758*, 06/2, texto, entrevista acerca de danÁa clÁssica, anÁncios informativos; 43443, QRM adj., de 9655.

CaptaÁies ‡ parte, parece haver uma paranÓia pateta no que ao uso da sigla "SAUK" diz respeito, como se a designaÁÁo da empresa estatal de rÁdio e tv sÓ existisse sob a sigla de lÁngua inglesa, isto num paÍs onde o afric,nder É lÁngua de muitos, inclusive de autÓctones. Parece haver um complexo perante o nome Suid-Afrikaanse Uitsaaikorporasie. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

It seems the WRTN 2015 refers to it only as SABC, but then English is the primary language of the book, not Afrikaans (gh, DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. February 2:

Brother Stair English 0930 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay from 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLk0tuoawI4&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1000 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay from 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3mEZZQnt30&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1030 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay from 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aM0qBXijQXk&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1100 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay from 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BMjNAUF7404&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1159 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay from 15770 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nb6i6cbyhy0&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1259 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay
from 15770 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VI37DzfjgiM&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1323 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay
from 15770 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qkYuqYElc60&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1359 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay
from 15770 Okeechobee
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qJLPA_PZ7lk&feature=youtu.be

Brother Stair English 1459 new 11600, not Secretbrod, 80 sec delay
from 15770 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PXBRbKs4bI&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

February 3:

Brother Stair English 0800 on 11600 Secretbrod, not parallel on 11580
Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Utny6yaELLY&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) So from one day
to the next it went from Not Secretbrod, to Secretbrod? (gh, DXLD)

February 3:

Brother Stair English 1501 on additional new 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CXWrTwkvNws&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1549 on additional new 11600 Secretbrod
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZI3MLUaUoU&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1639 additional new 11600 Secretbrod, 50 sec
delay from 9930 Palau
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfVG1AdRP8w&feature=youtu.be>

Brother Stair English 1644 additional new 11600 Secretbrod, 50 sec
delay from 9930 Palau
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tf2TWlKdvWw&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD) see also BULGARIA

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15770, Feb 5 at 1345, WRMI is dead air
instead of Brother Scare. So is 11825, and at 1352 check, 11580.

3185, at 1352 Feb 5, WWRB is still on and audible, but dead air here
too. So it's not just a WRMI problem. Feed from Walterboro is down.

9980, WWCN however is modulating presumed Overcomer Ministry with

speaker other than BS, still getting fed, or a local backup playing?

WRMI silence continues past 1400 so I leave a receiver on 11580. BTW, 11825 has a big hum on it while 11580 & 15770 are clean. Finally at 1420 on 11580 and the other WRMIs, clarion call and opening of a TOM broadcast, rather than joining one in progress, which makes me wonder if this is now a backup being played from Okeechobee.

At 1510, all three stations are modulating, but none in parallel. Neither 9980 nor 9370 has BS himself but some other speakers. At 1514 I listen to each for a minute, but can't find any duplication, i.e. out-of-synch but otherwise //. At 1514, WWRB and WRMI are both BS, but different. Then 9370 goes into music while WRMI keeps talking. 9980 still with a non-BS but presumably TOM huxter. So I ask Jeff White:

``Jeff, TOM was dead air this morning on 15770, 11825, 11580 from tune-in at 1345 until 1420 started up with clarion call, rather than joined in progress. 9980 WWCR was running TOM meanwhile, but 3185/9370 WWRB was also dead. So I'm just wondering if you started playing a backup recording there at 1420 or the webfeed (still no satellite possible?) came alive? After 1420, there was different TOM programming on all 3 stations, at least no match within a minute which should have been sufficient for out-of-synch feeds. Glenn`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Never heard back about this (gh)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 5890, Feb 6 at 0301, WWCR with non-BS; that hour is sold to E. C. Fulcher of Truth House Ministries, who used to run his own SW club; meanwhile, BS is back on 7570 WRMI, and a couple seconds behind on 5050 WWRB. About the anomalies earlier on Feb 5, Jeff White would have to check with Okeechobee since he was in Muscat for the A-15 HFCC Conference (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SECRETLAND (non) Updated schedule of Brother Stair TOM and EUNN via Secretbrod:

0800-1300 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Mon-Fri*

1300-1550 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Daily*

* including EU News Network xx00-xx15 at 0800, 1000, 1300, 1500 Mon-Fri, not Mon/Fri

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/updated-schedule-of-brother-stair-tom.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 15190, USA, Feb 8 at 0003-0010. Pan American Broadcasting from Florida. Religious broadcaster. Music and much moaning and groaning, a single person clapping, and unintelligible gibberish with the occasional ialleluia.î None of it made any sense. Maybe they were ispeaking in tongues.î Very strong signal (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas

are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed
broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

It's the M&G hour of The Overcomer Ministry, apparently regular at 7
am and 7 pm ET, on this frequency subcontracted via Radio Africa
Network via WRMI. If you think that is nonsense, you should listen to
Brother Scare when he speaks English! (gh, DXLD)

** SPAIN. REE relay RNE on all 4 frequencies on Feb 4/5:
1900-2300 on 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish
1900-2300 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish
1900-2300 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish
1900-2300 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/ree-relay-rne-on-all-4-frequencies-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

12030 good, 11940 fair with flutter, 11685 just barely audible, 9620
very good, REE is back on all four frequencies Feb 5 at 2150 check.
Ivo Ivanov had noted that 11685 and 12030 were missing on Jan 31 and
Feb 3 as I mention on WORLD OF RADIO 1759. Responding to complaints
from faraway mariners, REE was going to ``optimize`` its frequency
usage, but not until A-15. They wanted REE back on 15, 17 and 21 MHz
bands, and so do we.

11685, Feb 7 at 2030, no carrier at all detectable from REE; altho
this is always the weakest, suspect only three are on air today, as
rest with good signals: 12030, 11940, 9620, Spanish sports (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

REE relay RNE on 3 frequencies on February 7:
from 1530 on 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
from 1530 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun is off
from 1530 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
from 1530 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish Sat/Sun

from 2304 on 9620 NOB 200 kW / 290 deg to NoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
from 2304 on 11685 NOB 200 kW / 161 deg to WCAf Spanish Sat/Sun is off
from 2304 on 11940 NOB 200 kW / 230 deg to SoAm Spanish Sat/Sun
from 2304 on 12030 NOB 200 kW / 110 deg to N/ME Spanish Sat/Sun
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/ree-relay-rne-on-3-frequencies-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Feb 11 at 0114, on VG carrier, music prÈlude
starts at 0114:47.5, mistimesignal ends at 0115:18.5, right on
habitual schedule, sign-on mentions Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation
in unEnglish (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. 7315, Feb 9 at 0550, R. Dabanga jingles, good signal via VATICAN, but with het on hi side, i.e. Sudan jammer, rather than a tone making a het on both sides. I see that WHRI is also registered certain days of week on 7315 during the Sudan sesquihour 0430-0600 --- does it really collide with Dabanga, or wooden?

15550, Feb 10 at 1514, R. Tamazuju via VATICAN is back on its original frequency, after shifting to 15555 starting January 25, why? Now it's colliding with WJHR-USB again, // 15400 SMG in the clear, and both remain quite strong for something so far off-target, as does the other SMG transmitter on 15100 at same time with R. Veritas Asia relay in Filipino to the ME.

15550 presumably re-applies also to R. Dabanga from 1529, unchecked yet, but which frequency will the Sudanese tone jammer be on now? And what about the morning broadcasts of Tamazuju & Dabanga, at 0400-0557 which also shifted from 15550 to 15555, in that case via Madagascar? At 0507 check Feb 11, I have a JBA carrier on 15550, not 15555 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15550, Feb 10 at 1514, R. Tamazuju and later Radio Dabanga, same change for the morning broadcasts effective from Feb 10. Videos will be uploaded later today! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Frequency changes of Radio Tamazuju/Radio Dabanga from Feb 10

Radio Tamazuju

0400-0430 NF 15550 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15555
// frequency 7315 SMG 250 kW / 146 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
// frequency 11940 MDC 250 kW / 320 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
1500-1530 NF 15550 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15555
// frequency 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
// frequency 15400 SMG 200 kW / 139 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

Radio Dabanga

0430-0600 NF 15550 MDC 250 kW / 335 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15555
// frequency 7315 SMG 200 kW / 146 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
1530-1600 NF 15550 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15555
// frequency 13800 MDC 250 kW / 340 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic
1600-1630 NF 15550 SMG 200 kW / 150 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic, ex 15555
// frequency 13800 SMG 200 kW / 146 deg EaAf Sudanese Arabic

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/frequency-changes-of-radio-tamazuju-radio.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

[and non]. 15550, Feb 11 at 1455, R. Tamazuju carrier via VATICAN is already on helping to modulate WJHR-USB. At 1530, once R. Dabanga has succeeded Tamazuju, I find the Sudanese tone jammer still on 15555, the temporary clandestine frequency for 2+ weeks. So RT & RD shifted back

here once the jammer caught up with them; expect a cat-and-mouse game to continue in this area.

I first heard 15550 reactivated Feb 10, not having checked on Feb 9, but Dan Sheedy in California says they were there by then, while the 1 kHz tone jammer after 1530 was on 15560 Feb 9; we're not aware the clands were ever on 15560, so maybe the jamming command guessed wrong, but today Feb 12 at 1532 check, the tone jammer is again on 15560 while Dabanga is on 15550, big clash with WJHR, as R. Tamazuñ also was at 1515 check. I wonder if SMG ever jumps these frequencies *during* broadcasts? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [non]. February 6: VOA South Sudan in Focus in English to EaAf 1640 on 11900,13870 Nauen, 15180 SM di Galeria
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pjymccTLzGk&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, 2218-2228, 08/2, holandís, m'sica pop', an'ncios comerciais (presumed); 25321. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. Radio and television in Swaziland is very tightly controlled by the country's royally-appointed government. There are only two TV channels in the kingdom, the state-controlled Swazi TV <http://www.swazitv.co.sz> and the independent Channel S, which has a publicly-stated policy of supporting King Mswati. Swazi TV is operated by Swaziland Broadcast & Information Service, which also runs the English and Siswati services of SBIS Radio (no website).

The only other radio station is Transworld Radio, a private religious station which has a mediumwave transmitter for broadcasting Christian programmes to neighbouring countries, and also operates an FM service locally-branded as Voice of the Church. This carries Siswati and occasional English inspirational programming on 95.0, 96.0, 97.0, 97.1 and 101 MHz, and is also available via a live audio stream from their website at <http://www.vocfm.org>

The AllAfrica.com website recently posted an interesting article about the broadcasting scene in Swaziland: <http://tinyurl.com/sbisradio>
(David Kernick, Interval Signals Online, Feb 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. SAQ Extra transmission on World Radio Day
World Heritage GRIMETON RADIO/SAQ will, hopefully, have a transmission with the Alexanderson alternator on VLF 17.2 kHz on international UNESCO iWORLD RADIO DAYi (WRD) on Friday February 13th 2015.

Tuning up from 1430 UT and a message will be sent at 1500. The message concerning PEACE have been put together by over 200 citizens of Varberg via the iVarberg Calling for Peace project, in Varberg, Sweden.

No QSL-cards will be given this time and no List of Reports will be constructed but we accept shorter Listeners Report to e-mail info@alexander.n.se

Our amateur radio station (SK6SAQ) will be active with a special call sign for the day, i7S6WRD where iWRD stands for iWorld Radio Day. Frequencies: - 7035 CW or 14035 CW - 3755 SSB
QSL to 7S6WRD via SM bureau.

The station will be open to visitors 1400 to 1600 UT (15:00-17:00 SVT). No entrance fee. Welcome! Yours, Lars/SM6NM
Posted by: (Mike Terry, Feb 5, dxldyg via DXLD)

** SWEDEN. To check Revival R Sweden Schedules:
<http://radiorevivalsweden.blogspot.se/p/schedules.html>
Good Listening! 73s (Tom Taylor, Feb 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. 16600, 0838, Sound of Hope R. International, Poor/Fair in Chinese, OM then YL, few hets in transit but mainly clear, piano interludes, 0859 lift in sig & ID iXiwang zhi sheng, etc. by OM repeated by YL // 16775, poor with busy R/T [radio-teletype??] ute nearby - 27/1 KB

18970, 0830, Sound of Hope R. International, Fair in Chinese, animated OM & YLs, piano interludes, 0900 I/S, OM & YL in turn with ID iXiwang zhi sheng etc. // 18870 poor/fadeout - 14/1 KB (Kelvin Brayshaw, Levin, New Zealand, PL-660, Whip, Feb NZ DX Times via DXLD)

It's nice to see a log of SOH actually quoting an ID in Chinese, to distinguish it from CNR1 jamming which was evidently missing on these two. But is it called ``International``?? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. SOH relay Radio Free Asia in Cantonese and Chinese 1300-1500 on 11580.2 kHz
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/soh-relay-radio-free-asia-in-cantonese.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb 11, dxldyg via DXLD)

Heard here later on 11580.0 atop WRMI BS, no het (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [non]. New Year's Eve monitoring: 1800 UT: Radio Taiwan International. 3965 kHz (via France). Another Asian station powering

in via a European relay ñ this time via France. The two main features today are Time Traveller and Jade Bells and Bamboo Pipes. I always enjoy the Time Traveller history series ñ today was a look back at notable stories from the year, and (for me) highlighted how many episodes that I've missed over the year. Note to self: more effort required to tune to Time Traveller each week.

Jade Bells with Carlson Wong rarely fails to delight, and tonight is no exception. All tunes tonight are from the Taiwan's National Chinese Orchestra; the first track is 'Joyous Reunion', re-arranged from its origins as a Mongolian folk song. Next song is a very pleasant piece for dual Erhu ñ such a nice sound normally, but this song was a little strident for my taste.

As an aside, I am reminded of the China Radio International piece played on the Erhu, 'Jasmin Flower' which I recall hearing recently via Musik aus Taiwan (Sundays in RTI's German service at 1940 on 3955 via Woofferton and 2140 UT on 3965 via Issoudun) ñ this was heard on 30 November, and I was a little startled to hear the CRI theme via RTI! However, I don't suppose I should be as it is a very famous and well-liked Chinese song.

Jade Bells and Bamboo Pipes concluded today's broadcast with an excerpt from each of three movements from 'Da Qu' representing the Chinese musical heritage passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years. The second movement in particular sounded like it could easily have had its roots in more recent 'experimental' music (Alan Roe, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. RTI MASCOT INTERNATIONAL STICKER DESIGN COMPETITION

[Many rules, starting with:] Design requirements:

Stickers of an RTI mascot that accentuate RTI's role as an international broadcaster. The set of eight stickers should depict various expressions and emotions such as: happiness, anger, sadness, excitement, greetings, gratitude, encouragement, and amusement. . .
<http://events.rti.org.tw/big5/2014Activity/2014rtibb/en/index.aspx>

Deadline March 16, 2015. Top prizes are NT\$30,000, NT\$20,000 and NT\$10,000 (minus taxes) (via Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TASMANIA [non]. Hobart Radio International --- 6975 AM, 1-31-15, 0020-0028 UT, fair/poor, pop music and much talk, QRM de occasional data on upper side, had to tune to lower side, sent email to hrradio@gmail.com and I got EQSL a day later (William Hassig, IL, Free Radio Weekly via DXLD)

Obviously a North American relay. This is from the same guy as DX-Extra on Global 24 and he's cool with pirates relaying his show too (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Received confirmation from pirate radio station from Australia, Hobart Radio International for reception by a pirate from the Netherlands Radio Cupid. 31/01/2015 at frequency 6240 kHz. The report sent: hriradio @ gmail.com (Dmitry Kutuzov, Ryazan, Russia / "deneb-radio-dx" via RusDX Feb 8 via DXLD)

** THAILAND. 13745, HSK9, Radio Thailand; *0000-0010+, 8-Feb; On with "This is Radio Thailand English Service", "Live from the Public Relations Dept. of the Royal Thai News Service. National news brought to you by Bangkok Airways, Thailand's boutique airline." Thai news to 0010 then "global news" SIO=444 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

What's a boutique airline? Keeps trying to sell you stuff during the flight, and in the terminal? No, tnx (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. 7469.876, MONGOLIA, RFA Ulan Bataar Tibetan service, usual MNG odd frequency, but equal audio covered by FireDragon drums and chimes jamming music from mainland China secret services on even 7470.0 kHz channel (Wolfgang B, schel, circa 12 UT Feb 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Istanbul, 702 kHz, damaged by storm in June 2014, station expected back May 2015 («atalca Kaumakamligi Facebook post via Guenter Lorenz, mwmasts 21 Jan via BC-DX via Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Was scheduled at 0300-2200 with 2 x 600 kW (Wolfgang Bueschel, ibid.)

** TURKEY. New Year's Eve monitoring: 1330 UT: Voice of Turkey. 12035 kHz. Standard presentation of News, followed by reviews of Turkish Press and Foreign Media before Omar presents his Happy New Year show with a review of 2014 Scientific Events including the discovery this year of a large underground city in Cappadocia dating back 5000 years and comprising 7 km of tunnels, and also the discovery in Turkey of a stone declared to be the earliest ever stone shaped by human hands. There were a couple of songs also. An OK programme, though not startling. Omar, however, always presents his programmes in a relaxed informal style which makes for pleasant listening.

The latter part of the transmission consists as usual with a selection of Turkish music. Whilst the selection usually makes for pleasant

listening, it always feels to me a bit like ifillî music, and it would be nice if we could know a little more about the music being played. I did ask about this some time ago in their Listener's Letterbox programme and was advised that, in essence, staff levels and time available just did not permit this. In these days of shortwave cutbacks that seems a fair enough explanation, so remain happy to just enjoy the Turkish music (Alan Roe, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Voice of Turkey in Bulgarian on February 7 and 8:
from 1200 7245 EMR 250 kW / 290 deg SEEu Feb 7, as scheduled in B-14
from 1200 9840 EMR 250 kW / 072 deg CeAs Feb.8, instead of 7240 see:
1100-1155 9840 EMR 250 kW / 072 deg CeAs Georgian, as scheduled B-14
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/voice-of-turkey-in-bulgarian-on.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

9655, Feb 9 at 0426, VOT is VG with flutter, ID in English, 'Eco-Friendly Turkey' about recycling of electronic products.

I want to see their first-semester 2015 program schedule, so hunt for it on homepage, via Alan Roe's Hitlist ---- you have to go to the very bottom of
<http://www.trt.net.tr/english>
to find a link,
<http://www.trt.net.tr/english/program-schedule>
and --- it's blank, on two different browsers. Tnx a lot!

Among the programs individually shown, 'DX Corner' is gone as reported previously at yearend, but apparently so is 'Letterbox', unfound by searching. I may still be on the p-mailing list for their schedule folder which usually arrives sometime in Feb. Or someone may forward me a copy.

The Turkish service on 9700 is not as strong, but in well enough after 0500 for great music. HFCC registration for NHK in Japanese direct to Europe on same from 0500 appears to be wooden, fortunately; as WRTH shows no Japanese anyfrequency from 05 to 07 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. New transmitter of Ukrainian Radio 1 on 1278 kHz?

A new transmitter tested 1st day on 1278 kHz. January 29th heard at 1740 UT with program 1 from Ukrainian Radio. Very powerful and with loop it was only IRIB Kermanshah in the background. According to Mauno Ritola the transmitter is located at Odessa-Petrivka, a small village 64 km north of Odessa (Bengt Ericson-SWE, ARC Arctic Radio Club Sweden, hcdx / RUSdx Jan 29 via BC-DX 5 Feb via DXLD)

Petrivka new TRAM? TransRadio Berlin Germany MW unit? According to

ukrtvr.org new 100 kW MW sender in Petrivka on 1278 kHz on air now:
<<http://ukrtvr.org/novini/radiomovlennia/4044800-nrku-zbilshuie-movlennia-na-sk.html>>

Probably new Transradio TRAM100 mediumwave unit ?
<http://search.ligazakon.ua/l_doc2.nsf/link1/FIN96191.html>
<http://www.nkrzi.gov.ua/images/upload/67/4039/dod_r820_17122013.xls>
Test broadcast heard from Petrivka on Jan 29.
(Wolfgang B_schel, Feb 2, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews 5 Feb via DXLD)

Petrivka was one of these many VEILED transmitter site locations of communist USSR era, by Mr. Anatoly Titov in late 70ties and 80ties, like for example Serpukhov, Simferopol`, Starobel'sk (real Petrivka), Kalinin, Nikolayevsk, etc. etc.

Previously in past 3 decades this former RL jamming station located north of Odessa used also a 2 x 75 / 150 kW Storm transmitter, and also a 30 kW Tesla unit, which has been boosted to 40-50 kW (Wolfgang B_schel, BC-DX 5 Feb via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. February 2: Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine World Service in Russian to SERussia 1600 on 1431 Mikolaev
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PPa03F7KukA&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine World Service in Russian to SERussia 1700 on 1431 Mikolaev
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqK6SD8c3DI&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine World Service in Russian to SERussia 1800 on 1431 Mikolaev
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIIVqjxKPG0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Broadcasting of Ukraine World Service in Russian to SERussia 1900 on 1431 Mikolaev
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_vSHOFjLyI&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Target is surely not ``southeast Russia``, but maybe southeast European Russia (gh, DXLD)

** UKRAINE [non]. 11580, Feb 7 at 0045, Ukrainian Radio, English via WRMI is still here at 0030 as well as presumed 2330, about a publishers' forum concerning culture vs propaganda, mentioning Ukraine. Altho I hear it ID as above at the opening, Alan Roe says it's still R. Ukraine International on the one-hour webcasts; repackaged for WRMI? 11580 is sufficient here but not super like e.g. 7570 with Brother Scare (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [and non]. 9915, BBC Woofferton, 2010 1-Feb. I heard a football game, Afcon 2015: Ivory Coast Elephants vs Algeria Desert Warriors. Two OM English, one announcing and the second adding commentary. At 2012 a free kick was awarded because of an elbow. I heard names iSerey Diei, iBaillyi; went into half time one to nil favor of the Elephants. SIO 333 (Gary Vance, Grand Ledge MI, MARE Tipsheet 6 Feb via DXLD) One week later:

9915, ASCENSION ISLAND, BBC at 2020 with live coverage of the final of the Africa Cup of Nations between Ghana and Ivory Coast ñ Very Good Feb 8 ñ unfortunately they went off at 2059 (usual sign-off time for weekends) but it was just before a 30 minute overtime period with the teams tied at nil - ed (Mark Coady, Ont., ODXA yrx via DXLD)

So is 9915 Woofferton or Ascension? HFCC shows Woofferton switching to Ascension at 2100. Extension not only on weekend/Saturday: (gh)

Extended BBC WS broadcasts today (5th Feb) --- Extended broadcasts from the BBC WS at the moment for the African Cup of Nations semi-final (Ghana v hosts Equatorial Guinea) live coverage. 7445 and 9410 still on air past the normal close time of 2000. Any other frequencies or languages still on air beyond the normal close? (Stephen Cooper, UK, 2023 UT Feb 5, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sadly extended even more on 9410 at least (7445 perhaps still on air but all I can hear is CRI Serbian) as crowd [crowd?] disturbances have led to the match being delayed for at least the last 25 minutes. BBC commentators have had to come off air and head back to the studio as fans broke through a police cordon near them and lead to the commentators fearing for their safety (Stephen Cooper, 2105 UT, ibid.)

Geez, wackos think stupid ballgames matter whatsoever (gh, DXLD)

9695, Feb 9 at 0428, ME Music, Farsi, fair with fades. HFCC shows it's BBC Persian at 0330-0430, 250 kW, 350 degrees from OMAN and also USward (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Test transmission of BABCOCK on February 5:
1232-1302 on 11635 probably via Woofferton, videos
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/test-transmission-of-babcock-on.html>

February 5:
BABCOCK, test transmission 1238 on 11635 Woofferton, from 1232 to 1302
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K2JSBomD7_M&feature=youtu.be

BABCOCK, test transmission 1242 on 11635 Woofferton, from 1232 to 1302
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lrTiy1zFuHw&feature=youtu.be>

BABCOCK, test transmission 1247 on 11635 Woofferton, from 1232 to 1302
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7X2wg3u8cQ0&feature=youtu.be>

BABCOCK, test transmission 1253 on 11635 Woofferton, from 1232 to 1302
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlmKrL5_vXs&feature=youtu.be

BABCOCK, test transmission 1256 on 11635 Woofferton, from 1232 to 1302
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ATAPmuLcsE8&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U K. L'CIO MESQUITA APPOINTED AS DIRECTOR OF BBC MONITORING**

L'cio is a truly international journalist whose leadership skills and experience make him ideal for this role. Fran Unsworth, Director, World Service Group

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L'cio Mesquita has been appointed as the new Director of BBC Monitoring, it was announced today.

BBC Monitoring provides round-the-clock monitoring of freely available media sources around the world to the BBC and a range of commercial clients.

Fran Unsworth, Director of the World Service Group, says: 'L'cio is a truly international journalist whose leadership skills and experience make him ideal for this role. BBC Monitoring is a key resource for BBC News, especially the BBC's global news services, and I look forward to working closely with him.'

L'cio Mesquita says: 'BBC Monitoring is an incredibly powerful source of news and insight for audiences in the UK and around the world. Our ability to follow the world's ever expanding traditional and digital media sources is unique and brings crucial insights to the BBC's journalism as we seek to inform and explain incredibly complex stories of global impact.'

L'cio joined BBC Monitoring on secondment as Deputy Director in May 2014. Immediately before this he was the BBC's Head of Regional and Local Programmes for the West, including local radio, regional television and digital content for the Bristol area, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Somerset. He helped develop, launch and run in Bristol the BBC's first ever partnership with a city, bringing together the BBC, the city council, universities and community organisations in collaborative projects aimed at developing the region's creative

sector.

He started his career in the UK in 1991 as a producer with the BBC's Brazilian Portuguese language service in Bush House after working for local and national media in Brazil. After working for the World Service News and Current Affairs team he moved back to Brazil as the first ever BBC bilingual reporter in São Paulo.

On returning to the UK, after a brief stint back with the Brazilian Service as its director, L'cio became Head of the Américas region. The role covered responsibility for English language output for North America and the Caribbean, Spanish for Latin America and Portuguese for Brazil, all with radio and online presence. His final role in the World Service before moving to Bristol was as Head of Americas and Europe, responsible for the BBC's multimedia operations across ten languages.

L'cio was appointed following a competitive recruitment process. He succeeds Chris Westcott, who is leaving the BBC after 26 years of service. CM7 (via Hansjoerg Biener, DXLD)

** U S A. 13556.3, "MTI" hifer beacon, Stone Mountain GA; 1916, 1-Feb (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13557 approx., Feb 7 at 2025, MTI, HIFER beacon in Stone Mountain GA is very poor but enough to copy, vs pipper on the hi side, and 13560 hash from ISM devices, local? Harold Frodge reported MTI Feb 1 on 13556.3, which I will accept tho it may vary; MARE summary ranges it from 13555 to 13557 last year (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 13564 approx., Feb 7 at 2027, GNK, HIFER beacon in Madison WI, very poor but readable. MARE ranged it from 13562 to 13564 last year. I am still trying to break 5 or 6 total HIFER beacons logged over and over on this band. I wonder how many others are active at all, let alone 24/7 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25990/FM, WQGY434 KLDE Eldorado TX, 104.9 FM studio relay; 1849-1900+, 2-Feb; Oldies to 1858 Texas State Network News; ToH ID as KLDE Eldorado & K287AT San Angelo. Good on 25910 and only fair as usual on // 25990. Not there at 1530.

+++ Poor at 1831, 3-Feb; not there at 1500.

+++ 1942-1952+, 4-Feb; "The best of the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s & beyond...KLDE 104.9 FM". TSN News spot at 1951 for H:55. Not there at 1600 (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85

ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 28300-CW, Feb 7 at 2018, beacon sending callsign only slowly with long pauses: K6FRC/B --- same one I have heard on the 13-MHz HIFER band. QRZ.com reminds us he is:

Paul Shinn

P.O. Box 175

Valley Springs, CA 95252.

He will QSL in kind via P-mail

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re: {dxld} fwd: VOA Radiogram, 31 Jan/1 Feb 2015

Am 01.02.2015 um 15:25 schrieb Roger roger.roger@gmx.de [dxld]:

``The CW decoding with FLDIGI was not very good. I chose the purely optical method, the beepers in the side view. Nevertheless, I do not understand the hidden message in it. Clearly, February 3rd, but what the heck is 5XIII ??``

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2015-01-31.htm

After a helpful email from a MARE-member from southern Michigan and further decoding attempts I have now clarity regarding a date, date of birth.

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2015-01-31.htm#KIM IS LXIII ON 3 FEB

The variant with the Roman numerals I also had in my mind, but the spectral pattern of the first letter/number was more likely 5 points. According to analysis of 3 other recordings I have to say: Yes, it is in fact the letter "L". A tiny reception error turned a dash (length of 3 units) in two points and a space (length also 3 units). (roger, Germany, dxldyg via DXLD)

VOA Radiogram, 7-8 Feb 2015: This weekend's news is about media restrictions, disruptions, and blockages. In MFSK32, mostly.

Details and transmission schedule:

<http://voaradiogram.net/post/110253612357/voa-radiogram-7-8-feb-2015-news-about>
(Kim Elliott, dxldyg via DXLD)

On this weekend's VOA Radiogram, we will again transmit the MFSK32 once, followed by a 30-second tuning signal. Listeners have suggested another possible solution when the RxID causes Fldigi to tune to the wrong frequency: Configure > IDs > turn on Disable freq change.

Here is the lineup for VOA Radiogram, program 97, 7-8 February 2015:

1:49 Tuning signal and program preview

3:36 Media restrictions in Azerbaijan

5:29 Media restrictions in Kyrgyzstan

6:37 Website of English-language Moscow Times disrupted*

10:46 BBC considers adding a Korean service*
15:46 China blocks VPNs and may step up net censorship*
24:14 New material promises faster computer chips*
27:29 Closing announcements
28:52 Contestia 32-1000: Bonus mode of the week
(VOA Radiogram via roger, dxldyg via DXLD)

This time there was again QRM (as always in the last months) from a wide noise jammer on 17850 kHz against Oromo Voice Radio on the same frequency. The upper sideband of 17860 kHz VOA, however, was not affected. USB made a good job.

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2015-02-07.htm

RSID: <<2015-02-07T16:28Z Contestia @ 17860000+1500>>

WORLD RADIO DAY IS 13 FEBRUARY

<http://WWW.WORLDRADIODAY.ORG>

(roger, Germany, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1759 monitoring: for the second week, no show at 2201 UT Thursday, Feb 5 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395. Instead, 'Dialogos Greece' keeps playing past 2200 during a commentary, at least until 2206. Recheck at 2228, European News Network, News Review is wrapping up, so apparently that filled from about 2215. Is D.G. habitually running more than 60 minutes, or does it start later than scheduled 2100? Anyhow, WOR continues to appear at 2200 Thursdays on the Global 24 schedule grid, but lacking any definite info from G24, we have to conclude WOR is no longer really on the schedule at that time, only two hours before the next airing at 0001 UT Fridays which is maintained and confirmed Feb 6. Next:

Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580

Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955

Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v

Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1759 monitoring: confirmed Friday Feb at 2130.5 on WRMI 7570 and // now much stronger 15770. Next:

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850
Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1759 monitoring: confirmed UT Sunday Feb 8 at 0231 on KVOH, 9975. Very good signal, usual audio not crisp, which we can hope will improve once the replacement transmitter is in use. How much longer to wait? Next:

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1759 monitoring: confirmed Sunday Feb 8 at 2300 on WRMI 11580, good signal. And after 0400 UT Monday Feb 9 on Area 51 via WBCQ, 5109.96-AM approx., good signal. And Monday Feb 9 at 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395. Next:

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1759 monitoring: confirmed UT Wed Feb 11 at 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395 webcast. Next:
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1759 monitoring: confirmed Wed Feb 11 at 1415 on WRMI 9955, good. Also Wed Feb 11 at 2200 on WBCQ 7490v, and at 2201 on

Global 24 via WRMI 9395, both fair.

WORLD OF RADIO 1760 monitoring: confirmed first airing UT Thursday Feb 12 at 0430 on WRMI, 9955, sufficient. Also Thu 1330 on 9955, good but with Cuban pulse jamming underneath; tnx a lot, Arnie! Next:

Thu 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395 [MISSING the last two weeks, but still on the schedule; due to Dialogos Greece running over? Check one more time]

Fri 0001 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580

Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955

Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB

Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955

Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v

Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi, Glenn: I got frustrated with the two so-called podcast links that you have listed at WOR. The first link has been broken for some months now and the second one seldom is timely. So, I wrote a script that will auto-generate a dynamic podcast feed whenever you add a new mp3 to your site. This will have the latest 5-6 episodes and functions like a podcast. It's also using Feedburner's user-friendly interface. Feel free to add a link to it on your site. URL:
<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

BTW, I'm now hosting a one-hour adult alternative music show on Global 24, called The Mix. Best, -- (Keith Weston <http://keithweston.com>
<http://www.facebook.com/keithweston> UT Feb 6, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The delay on the WOR podcast that week was my fault, late in uploading the original mp3, but tnx for an additional option.

`The Mix`, per G24 schedule, checked UT Feb 10: Sat & Sun 00-01, Thu 20-21 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

** U S A. 9395, (Okeechobee FL) Global 24 radio, 2/1, 1100. Opening of "Democracy Now" program, tho other sked info doesn't show them this hour. VG. Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky,

dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. SECRETBROD, Global 24 Music and EU News Network, instead of TOM on Feb 5:

1345-1500 on 11600*SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu Global 24 Music, instead of TOM

1500-1515 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu EU News Network, instead of TOM

1515-1552 on 11600 SCB 050 kW / 306 deg to WeEu English TOM, as scheduled B-14:

*not parallel 9395 YFR 100 kW / 355 deg to ENAm English Global 24 of Okeechobee

Part 2 from today morning coming soon

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/global-24-music-and-eu-news-network.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Feb 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

This was the same occasion that TOM was in dead air 1345-1420 Feb 5 on WRMI and WWRB; see SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. SCB had been carrying Brother Scare on 11600, so maybe this was just a substitute, lacking feed from Walterboro, rather than a test? Global 24 has not told us anything about such an intentional test via BULGARIA (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

9395, Feb 6 at 0307, Global 24 via WRMI playing `1812 Overture` as fill music for the n-th time. `Jazz from the Left` is scheduled from 01 to 04 UT Fridays.

9395, Feb 7 at 0124, Global 24 via WRMI with Bach fill music yet again. Scheduled at this time per grid is `Jazz from the Left` at 01-04 Saturdays {labeled ``first airing`` unlike UT Fri}

9395, Sat Feb 7 at 1352, Global 24 via WRMI, Keith Perron wrapping up a PCJ show with final music piece; per G24 sked it's `Happy Station`. 1405 now classical music, not filler, but `Classics & Beyond` also adhering to schedule; fair signal.

9395, Sunday Feb 8 at 1346, Global 24 via WRMI with a song, but unseems Cairo which had been scheduled at 1300-1420, missing again. 1400 ``Global 24 News``, bringing in correspondent Priscilla in Washington about one topic, SCOTUS and gay marriage, by 1402 back to music; poor signal squeezed with 9390 & 9400 ACI.

9395, UT Wed Feb 11 at 0107, Global 24 via WRMI during `Chelmsford Calling World Service` in ``Media Magazine`` segment reading article from Radio World about how Cuban listeners to WRMI want it to stay on SW, as none of them can get web streaming. Part of the Tuesday evening DX Block 0100-0430 culminating with WORLD OF RADIO at 0401.

9395, Feb 11 at 1448, Global 24 via WRMI has defaulted to Bach fill

music, and at 1453 to Tschaikowsky's 1812 Overture. The 1430-1600 sesquihour on Wednesdays is scheduled only as World Radio Network (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11580, 2315 311 Radio Panorama, via WRMI, USA, russian, ID, reports, good (Giampiero Bernardini, RX: Elad FDM-S2 & Perseus - ANT: T2FD 15 meters long - QTH: Milano, Italia, Feb 5, playdx yg via DXLD)

Unravelling this over-condensed info, I think 311 stands for 31 Jan. Sked Saturdays only 2315-2330; didn't realize it was in Russian, as on WRMI sked just ``Radio Pan`` unCyrillic. What is the source of this program, from inside or outside Russia? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

``February 6`` [should be February 7]:

WRMI relay Radiopanorama in Russian to WeEu 2315 on 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B7hEWuqXxQE&feature=youtu.be>

WRMI relay Ukrainian Radio in English to WeEu 2330 on 11580 Okeechobee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlrP1Im2vCw&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9955, Wed Feb 11 at 1400, European News Network via WRMI is not news but a long feature about Dame Vera Lynn, preceding 1415 WORLD OF RADIO. Then after WOR:

9955, Wed Feb 11 at 1446, Echo of Europe, introduced in English claiming it's on 5930 for Europe. N Africa, Mideast [from Bulgaria], and on 1368 [from Italy], with beeping SFX but transmitter break at 1446*-1447 by when it's in French instead (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5985, UT Monday Feb 9 at 0429, WRMI concluding NHK relay in Spanish giving their entire transmission schedule, including this and 6195 at 0400; 0430 Rudy Espinal ID and into `Historias de Radio`, media show from Daniel Camporini in Argentina. So now we know which UT days are which in the ambiguous WRMI schedule. This one is shown as Monday, so the 0430-0500 segment is really in UT days, not ``local days in the America`` except in the UT-4 and lesser zones. So here's the total lineup at 0430-0500 UT days on 5985:

UT Mon, Historias de Radio

UT Tue, Trova Libre [Cuban music]

UT Wed, Antena DX [from Panam., q.v.]

UT Thu, Angloparade [rock in English presented in Spanish; why?]

UT Fri, Viva Miami & Acontecer Venezolano [only pseudo-external SW service concerning this country; pseudo-clandestine, too?]

UT Sat, Frecuencia al Dia [Dino Bloise` media show]

UT Sun, Walking in Power [religious apparently in English]

9955, Monday Feb 9 at 1415, 'AWR Wavescan', including another in multi-part history of Family Radio/WYFR, read by Ray Robinson of KVOH. Sufficient until 1430 when ACI hits from 9960, but evitable by tuning down a bit; 1445 'Viva Miami', Jeff & ThaÔs all in American and Venezuelan Spanish; 1459 fill music of Qur'an which strikes me as odd, then 'Okeechobee Ocean' ID and off for 7 hours (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5850, Probably RMI Tru program, S=9+30dB at 0530 UT, 5844 to 5856 kHz wide signal, "Journey #57" radio program "...Lord speaking to his body..." (Wolfgang B, schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9330, Feb 5 at 2300 check, WBCQ is off. 23-24 UT M-F had been the only scheduled time for this frequency with 'Money Talx', which I guess is still running on 7490 despite death of instigator. It appears that the improved signal on 7490 results from retuning the 9330 transmitter to 7490. 9330 was also missing last UT Sat 0100+ when it was normally // 7490 and 5110 for 'Allan Weiner Worldwide' so is 9330 ever on the air any more?

5111.16 approx., Feb 7 at 0056, WBCQ was not on at 0040 but it is now with IS & ID loop, and shifted more than 1 kHz to the hi side of nominal 5110. 9330 remains absent when it used to be on for 'Allan Weiner Worldwide' from 0100 UT Saturdays.

That does start at 0100 with ``William Tell Overture`` but now I am listening to 7489.86 approx., apparently using the ex-9330 transmitter. Allan starts off saying he wants to concentrate on mechanical rather than electronical things this time, such as a 106-year old car he is restoring, as he buys and sells antique autos. (A week or two ago he said he was giving an antique firetruck to St. Augustine to restore). Yes, he's still in Fla-land, temp in the 50s while it's minus 6 F in Monticello and tn timer to his staff there who keeps the station going. Soon interrupted by listener calls about other stuff (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5110, WBCQ Monticello ME; 0141-0204+, 8-Feb; Old Radio Clandestine pirate program to WBCQ spot at 0159 into old Radio Newyork International pirate program [UT Sun, not Mon? gh]. Great old stuff. Fair/Good (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5109.96-AM approx., Feb 8 at 0316, WBCQ with music, almost on-

frequency rather than 5111+ last night. 7490 is Brother-Scaring, and 9330 remains off.

15420, Feb 10 at 1952, no signal from WBCQ, so is this transmitter off too, leaving them with only two active, on 7490 and 5110?

<http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=sked&freq=15420>

shows 15420 supposedly still on the air from 18 to 22 daily with 'Global Spirit Proclamation' (plus 22-23 on Sundays with Marion's Attic simulcasting 7490v), but 15420 may be getting refurbished too.

5110, Feb 11 at 0122, WBCQ is not on tonite (nor is 5085 WTWW) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB Global Two internet stream still relaying Radio Habana. 2150 Feb 5 with static and open frequency. *2200 in Spanish, English at 0059 check and listed Creole at 0100. This schedule would // 5040 in line with Glenn Hauser's suggestion that perhaps Global Two is picking up splatter from 5040 in relaying 5050 kHz. I do not hear such splatter hear in Southwest Florida listening to 5050. I am not sure why WWRB would use what sounds like an off air feed to transmit its Internet stream nor why it would relay Radio Habana (Hans Johnson, Naples FL, Cumbre DX via DXLD) Just very wide bandwidth on pickup?

3185, Feb 6 at 0301, WWRB has electronic on-line sound of phone ringing, then off-the-hook loud pulsing at the rate of approx. 336 per minute or 5.6 per second, 0302 stops and dead air for a while. This happens periodically on WWRB, a crude form of automation failing, I suppose (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WINB has changed its Twitter account to @SwwINB. We have also introduced on demand listening feature for every program carried (via Hans Johnson, Frequency Manager WINB, Naples FL, Feb 5 via Alokesh Gupta, Cumbredx yg via DXLD)

9265, WINB Red Lion PA; 2022-2029+, 7-Feb; Snake oil huxter Dr. Wong & his adrenal extract; sed it's good for vaginal lubrication, clitoral engorgement & sed something about kidney cheese. Also sed, "The FDA is the best government agency money can buy." WINB spot at 2029. SI0=554 [Glossary: ``sed`` = ``said``, why?]

+++ 1258-1300+, 8-Feb [Sunday]; Hoping to catch more of Dr. Wong's spiel but got One God Ministry huxter program; 1300 WINB spot into Voice of Hope Outreach Ministry with English huxtress. SI0=253+ (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9930, WTWW 1/31, 1630. Broadcasting some attention-getting symphonic classical music (i.e., unusual here). Good Listening and 73 from the Sonoran Desert (Rick Barton, AZ, Drake R8, Grundig Satellit 750, large random wire, outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12105, 4/2 2148, WTWW, Lebanon - TN, em Português; Pastor faz comentário abt Abraão; sinal satisfatório e modulação pobre, 35432. (José Ronaldo Xavier_JRX, Cabedelo-Paraíba, condiglista yg via DXLD)

9930, Feb 6 at 1417, WTWW-2 is on again filling with classic rock music, The Association? Extreme-barrel-reverb Ted ID requesting reports, promising QSL.

5085, Feb 9 at 0413, WTWW-2 is on again, Ted reverb ID during music fill (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5085, WTWW, "You are listening to UP Stream program. ..", modern music, religious? rather not?, - wide signal in 5076 to 5094 kHz frequency range. At 0523 UT S=9+10dB.

5830, another WTWW program, in wide range 5824 to 5835 kHz, sermon talk about Abraham, Genesis, justification picture on Bible reading, at 0525 UT S=9+20dB signal (Wolfgang B. schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Friday, February 6, 2015, 0145-0200, 4840 AM. Paranoid conspiracy reigns on "The Divided Kingdom" with Lou Blanchard and Elizabeth Border, a.k.a. Elizabeth Caverly. Discussion about a couple of Army blimps in Maryland that may be used for surveillance (ono!) or watching Canadian geese migrate in Kent County. Lizzy says that something is bad about vaccines and autism that they're covering up, because, well, you know, Obama. Also discussing how she had measles and knew she had a "brain problem." WWCR ID at 0200. s9. (Larry Will, Mount Airy, Maryland, radio @ zappahead.net DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11870, Feb 7 at 0645, WEWN, R. Católica Mundial, now has big humwhine atop ``por su dolorosa pasión``, the catch-phrase constantly repeated on ``by the light of the moon`` show. Carrier also wobbles with BFO. English on 11520 is OK. Haven't noticed this latest defect on one of the daytime Spanish frequencies, but not seeking it.

11870, Feb 8 at 0331, still big humwhine over Spanish, but talk understandable if you can put up with it.

11550 & 12050, Feb 8 at 1503, WEWN Spanish are as usual, 11550 OK, and 12050 with the squeal, but not the humwhine I have been hearing on

night frequency 11870, which must be from one of the same transmitters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505.38 approx., Feb 8 at 0318, WRNO preacher on VG signal, but accompanied by hi-pitched whistling sound varying a bit and also intermittent, and quite evident by side-tuning. Also was hearing same sound on unrelated stations such as CFRX perhaps due to receiver overload (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Some more midday skywave MW DX on Feb 5, on caradio inside Enid, not the powerless field nor the Carrier site, so I am either driving or parking in store lots which are not completely noiseless. Local mean noon remains 1832 UT so this starts 43 minutes after the zenith.

720, Feb 5 at 1915 UT, WGN Chicago is in, not hard to recognize with English talk

1200, Feb 5 at 1923 UT, weak station in English must be WOAI San Antonio

850, Feb 5 at 1923 UT, only Spanish audible, so Metroplex TX not KOA

840, Feb 5 at 1923 UT, SAH of about 6 Hz between presumed KTIC West Point NE, and: Rush going into a break, then ID for WHAS, Louisville KY

830, Feb 5 at 1924 UT, ID right away for WCCO, Minneapolis MN. These are weak but steady skywave signals

700, Feb 5 at 1924 UT, Spanish from the Metroplex, but under it is a station in English, surely WLW Cincinnati

Scanned the entire band, but nothing unusual in the 1500s or 1600s (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 550, Feb 7 at 0122, Nebraska weather forecast so briefly hope I am getting wide-coverage KFYZ Bismarck ND, 5 kW which has a minor nite lobe southward, but then on to Oklahoma and Kansas forecasts, so it's just KFRM Salina KS, as soon IDing, ``Voice of the Plains, 550-AM, KFRM``, then `Agriculture Today`. It's only 110 watts at night with circular pattern tangent toward the southwest, same as daytime with 5 kW and big local-quality signal here. BTW, NRC AM Log also shows KFYZ has similar slogan ``Voice of the Northern Plains`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

KFYZ-550's expansive signal --- To give you an idea of what KFYZ's daytime coverage looks like, take a ruler and start at the transmitter

site (46-51-12 N, 100-32-37 W, or just a few miles to the east of Bismarck) and draw a straight line south from that point down to the Nebraska-Kansas border. Then take a compass and begin to draw your circle. When you're finished, you'll have a pretty good picture of just how well they get out. But even as expansive as it is, their weather forecasts are just statewide for North Dakota, although they will give current temps in the immediate 4-state region of No Dakota, So Dakota, Minnesota, and Montana. By comparison, KFRM's weather forecasts AND current temps will always include Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska EN21AF, <http://www.dxworld.com/bcblog.html> Feb 8, ABDX via DXLD)

KFYR has a huge advantage to the north and south-southeast due to exceptionally good ground conductivity. How well do you hear them, especially on a portable, Rick? (Bill, mediumwavedx, *ibid.*)

I know I'm not a Rick, lol, but I know they are audible in Eau Claire Wisconsin in the daytime under WSAU. Perhaps Kaz can hear them when he's in Wisconsin? Sincerely, (Todd Skaine, Woodbury, MN, *ibid.*)

Neil's location is in Grafton, WI, which is on Lake Michigan just to the north of Milwaukee. That's a ways out of KFYR's coverage area, so the chances of him hearing it there in the daytime are slim to none. Bill, I can get KFYR here in the daytime with a weak-but-readable signal when I null out KFRM in Salina, Kansas. On a scale of 5 to 1, 5 being strong and 1 being weak, I'd give KFYR here about a 1.5. Obviously it gets better the further north from here that you go. In Spirit Lake, Iowa, where I lived in 1995-96, KFYR was a 2, which would be bumped up to 2.5 in the wintertime during good groundwave conditions. But I also had some splatter to deal with from KWMT-540 in nearby Fort Dodge, Iowa. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, Nebraska, *ibid.*)

From my WI place 20 miles N of Milwaukee, I have WSAU in the way. From here in IL even with phased BOG's aimed right at them, I cannot get them during the day. Phasing kills the slop from WIND [560 Gary] and helps slightly enhance the beam that direction, but WSAU dominated weakly mixed with KTRS [St Louis] when I tried several winters ago. 73 KAZ Barrington IL (Neil Kazaross, *ibid.*)

** U S A. WMAL-630 to move

<http://www.thesentinel.com/mont/index.php?>

[option=com_k2&view=item&id=1632:washington-radio-station-acreage-up-for-sale&Itemid=766](http://www.thesentinel.com/mont/index.php?option=com_k2&view=item&id=1632:washington-radio-station-acreage-up-for-sale&Itemid=766)

The (Rockville, Md.?) Sentinel reports the WMAL-630 transmitter site in Bethesda is for sale. Doesn't say where they plan to move the radio station. "The site is just a half mile from the second richest neighborhood in the United States..." == (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant

View, TN EM66 Feb 6, NRC-AM via DXLD) Viz.:

Washington radio station acreage up for sale

6 Feb 2015 by Jonathan Elbaz Published in Local Read 3449 times

WMAL transmitter site [caption]

The owner of Washington area radio station WMAL (630 AM) put its 75-acre transmitter site in Bethesda on the market earlier this week, the first step in what will likely be the area's largest redevelopment project in years.

Cumulus Media is receiving offers until March 12 from developers interested in the residential property, located at 7115 Greentree Road near the Beltway and I-270 spur.

Local real estate experts estimate the property could be worth hundreds of millions. There is no asking price, but a representative from Cumulus' brokerage firm CBRE Group, Inc. said the property's size and location should command strong competition.

Seventy-five acres in Bethesda, said John Sheridan, Senior Vice President for CBRE. "You don't need to say anything more than that. It is a huge parcel of land with some of the highest income demographics. There is the potential to build 300 or more homes."

The site is residential, part of the R-90 zone allowing prospective developers to use it to build homes in varying sizes. Right now the space is a hilly expanse of grass, along with WMAL's four massive transmitter towers, satellite dishes and a transmission building the station hasn't manned in years.

Representatives from WMAL declined multiple requests for comment.

Cumulus took control of the 90-year old station in 2011 when it purchased Citadel Broadcasting for \$2.2 billion. Soon after, it started simulcasting the station's programming on 105.9 WVRX-FM, renaming it WMAL-FM. It is unknown whether Cumulus will abandon the AM station altogether or relocate the transmitters and continue to broadcast.

Last year, Cumulus sold a 10-acre broadcast facility in Los Angeles for \$125 million.

Other aspects about the potential development are unclear, including questions about access and a possible need for new traffic patterns. The southern edge of the property runs adjacent to the Beltway between Old Georgetown Road and the I-270 spur, but it is unknown whether

developers will propose to build a new exit for the Beltway.

The site is just a half mile from the second richest neighborhood in the United States, according to Business Insider, which estimated that the average household income for the Bradley Manor-Longwood neighborhood of Bethesda is nearly \$600,000.

Though the transmitter site is private, local residents use it year-round. The dog park, as many call the space, is a de facto recreational spot for dog walking groups, cross country teams and kids playing sports.

It will be sad to lose this place because of the community, said Bethesda resident Jinks George Millspaugh. "Some people have been coming here with their dogs, children and friends for 30 years. When people have gotten an illness in the family or lost their job, we have been here gathering and supporting one another for years." Last modified on Friday, 06 February 2015 22:58 (Montgomery County Sentinel, via DXLD)

Re: WMAL Tower Site Up For Sale

On 2/9/2015 5:25 PM, Dennis Gibson wb6tnb@gmail.com [ABDX] wrote:
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/wmal-tower-site-up-for-sale/274462>
"If it's worth "hundreds of millions" why don't they keep it?"

Because it's only worth hundreds of millions as a development property, not as an AM transmitter site for a station that's worth (at best) \$10 or \$15 million for its signal. Cumulus isn't in the residential development business, so the only way it can unlock that value is to sell the land.

Sad; but not at all surprising. When I visited the WMAL site in 2013 (pics will be on my website later this week), it was already pretty much a given that the towers wouldn't be there much longer. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ABDX via DXLD)

** U S A. 840, Feb 9 at 1307 UT, Spanish romantic music from SSW, 1309 UT seguÉ but interrupted incomplete at 1310 UT by ID mentioning "La Frontera", 1311 UT into YL with "las noticias de la frontera", poor signal and fading but no WHAS or KTIC. As there are no XE 840s close to the border, it must be KVJY Pharr TX in the RGV, 5/1 kW U4 which is News/Talk per NRC AM Log, "Informativa 840". Major lobe goes NW, with a null toward WHAS, and not much toward us; official February sunrise is not until 1315 UT.

840, Feb 11 at 0133 UT, silly ballgame in Spanish involving the Monarcas de Morelia, "Radio Tiempo" mentioned? But 0134 UT, ESPN

F'tbol jingle; add for Sprint naming its nemesis, AT&T, with extremely long condensed tag even a native speaker could not follow, but that keeps them legal! 0135 UT ad for something costing 22.99, oil change? 0136 UT Wendy's 99-cent item. 0137 UT back to Monarcas game in some estadio? ``Goooooal`` right away --- no, that's just in another promo. Yes, that's a real team in Mexico, named not for the endangered flutterby wintering in Mexico, but for three (human) monarchs on the Morelia city flag.

It must be KVJY 840, here under Brownsville-McAllen [isn't about time those cities got latino names, let alone Pharr??] http://espn.deportes.espn.go.com/news/story/_/id/226774/lista-de-afiliados altho I heard KVJY at 1311 UT Feb 9 doing non-sports news; both times presumed with no definite ID (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 920, Feb 9 at 0605 UT, the Vernal Utahn continues to reach out far beyond what ought to be its night coverage area, i.e. a 1 kW lobe to its NE, rather than a 5 kW ND daytime pattern. ID for ``104.5 & 920, KVEL``, weather, notices of traffic delays on hiways due to construxion, or weather?

Wolf Creek Pass mentioned --- yes, there is one in NE Utah, besides the better-known one in Colorado we have traversed a number of times, and pine to do so again (in the summer!).

NRC AM Log shows 104.5 is --- you guessed it --- really just a translator, K283BN, now getting top billing as legacy AM stations continue to dis their roots. At least KVEL covers its routes. Has no problem surpassing KLMR Lamar Colorado, much closer in same direxion.

920, Feb 9 at 1249 UT, there's KVEL again (or still) with ID after promo for HS football in HD, via VTV Channel 6. Apparently cable only, not on air, per <http://vtvchannel6.com/> (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 930, Feb 7 at 0118, WKY OKC is not ``indomable`` now as I can null it completely to hear English --- and immediately ID as WTAD Quincy IL, with local ad, ``Talkradio 9-30, WTAD``, plug the KHQA Super Fan Shoutout, that being TV channel ``7`` in Hannibal-Quincy, which by the way here is pronounced Quinsy, not Quinzy (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 930, WTOU, Battle Creek MI; 1525-1532+, 31-Jan; WBCK's replacement is finally on! Robin with Battle Creek area church items; gave her address as robin@1560radio.com -- 1560 is WNNM Portage, The Touch. "Kalamazoo Community Calendar from The Touch"; "The best gospel music every Saturday morning", into knee-slapper gospel tune. Ads for Art Van & Dollar Gen'l & spot for Heritage for the Blind. SIO=423 in

AM with whine QRM that LSB takes out (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1290, Feb 8 at 0705 UT, ID only for ``102.7 WIRL``, and classic rock, loops NE/SW. Search leads right to Peoria IL, and 102.7 isn't WIRL at all but another FM translator, W274BM, wagging this dog of an AM station, which is really WIRL on 1290, 5/5 kW U4, officially ``Good Time Oldies``. Night pattern has major lobe to NNE, somewhat lesser lobe to the SSW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Not SE:

1290, ILLINOIS, WIRL, Peoria. 1048 February 8, 2015. Male canned, "Good Time Oldies 102-7, WIRL" into something old soul, same canned ID 1051 into "Don't Walk Away Ren  " by The Left Bank. Surprised to catch this one here. Plenty of co-channel when not briefly fading up (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1360, Feb 8 at 0718 UT, ``Christian programming all day and all night here on WMOB, Mobile`` AL and country gospel tune. As others have concluded, can't be on night power and pattern of 200 watts southwards into the Gulf; day power is 9 kW and supposedly also south only, so really ND? There are also 1360 stations in the Ark-La-Miss between us, being overcome, unheard (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) In a news interview with someone there, it was pronounced MOE-bull (gh)

** U S A. 1440, FLORIDA, WPRD, Winter Park. 0155 February 4, 2015. Mostly dominating with Haitian Krey  l male talk, commercial break 0205 with Orlando and Ocoee Haitian community businesses. Het when in LSB from the maybe Nicaraguan at 1439.86 (Terry L. Krueger, Clearwater FL, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1490, Feb 7 at 0702 UT, CBS Sports Radio, briefly atop the graveyard, roughly ENE/WSW I thought, but <http://radio.cbssports.com/stations/> which has a good quick search function on the frequency or whatever, immediately comes up with the station I feared, KTOP, Topeka KS, which at 200+ miles to the NE is my most usual nighter on 1490. Other six are in CO, IA, MS, OR, VA, WI. Dubuque's WDBQ would be second choice from here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1520: KXET, Oregon City/Portland: apparently about a week ago, 1520 and 1150 in Portland swapped calls and formats. 1520 is now Russian Christian apparently (Paul Walker, Feb 10, IRCA via DXLD) I.e. Orthodox??

Apparently KGDD is running Russian now. I wonder if it is // to 1130-1150? I'll have to check tomorrow (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

Paul, Thanks. I did not catch that. 1130 is not doing well at night with their drop in power, so now the Russian voice gets out better (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

Oregon City may have changed their pattern since the 70s. They do not seem to have the punch they used to all night here. OK City dominates a lot of the time (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

Hi Patrick, KGDD 1520 is Russian and // with KQRR 1130 Mount Angel. KXET 1150 is Spanish. 5:20 PM PST. I have listened to KQRR for hours and have never gotten a call letter ID out of them. The same with KMIA 1210 in Auburn, WA. I needed those two stations of the IRCA Numberama Contest. Did get call letter ID's from KGDD (when Spanish) & KXET. Best regards, (Dennis Vroom, Kalama, WA, ibid.)

** U S A. 1540, Feb 8 at 0658 UT, something in English instead of KEDA San Antonio Tejano usually dominant; DJ mentions G&E Studios, 1-877 phone. So this is KGBC Galveston TX, which mainly relays CRI English from the ChiCom; only 250 watts at night and // 1520 KYND Cypress TX hitting Houston from another angle, but nothing of that audible now vs KOKC/KOLM mess.

At 0706 UT, KEDA is gaining, making fast SAH with KGBC music, so apparently not a CRI relay at this time. Note G&E has other 1540 stations, 50/30 kW U4 CHIN Toronto; and 50 kW D3 = direxional daytimer WNWR Philadelphia. What I am getting does loop further counter-clockwise from KEDA, but not that much (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Glenn, KYND is a daytimer, so would not have been on at 0658. At night in Houston I hear a fairly good signal from KOKC with something else way underneath, not sure what, but direction appears colinear to OKC. During the day KYND blasts in at my QTH.

I have no usable reception of KGBC's 250 watt nighttime signal; the transmitter is 60 miles/97km from my QTH. KEDA has a minor nighttime lobe in my direction which is audible, with unID Spanish language station mixed in. KGBC fair during daytime here (Stephen Luce, Houston, Texas, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. FORFEITURE ORDER FOR NIGHTTIME CHEATER

Every once in awhile it busts one.

http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2014/db0109/DA-14-18A1.pdf
Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, Feb 6, ABDX via DXLD)

KPIO 1570 Loveland CO, EWTN station, U1, 7000/18; psra 40, pssa 42 per NRC AM Log (gh, DXLD)

ROFL at the Denver FCC that can catch KPIO which I don't think ran day power at night for all that long, but misses nearby cheater KREL 1580 [Colorado Springs] which generally dominates half the country at night with 15 kW day power for many months. 73 KAZ (Neil Kazaross, IL/WI, ibid.)

Most investigations are the result of a complaint. KREL's day power is 10 kW; 18.5 dB worth of cheating. The pattern/coverage maps I use (not radio-locator's) and the FCC licensed pattern suggest that KMIK [50/50 kW U2 Tempe AZ] puts very little signal toward Colorado. There are a few stations in neighboring states but they are very low power.

The only people who would complain would be one of us. It's cheating but probably not cheating any stations out of coverage, which is what the FCC cares about. If anyone wants to complain, I have the phone numbers of all of the Enforcement Bureau offices. The very helpful supervising Field Agent in the Portland office I talked to told me calling is much faster than filing a complaint on its website. Those don't reach the appropriate Enforcement Bureau office for a month. He said they take day power at night complaints extremely seriously. He thanked me for the complaint I asked for help with; 10 kW instead of 75 watts. He called the General Manager; that got the problem solved immediately. It was definitely cheating a station out of a lot of coverage. Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, CA, ibid.)

** U S A. 1650, FLORIDA, unidentified HAR/TIS. 1220 February 1, 2015. Noted this malfunctioning one again post-sunrise, suspect a semi-local FL DoT transmitter, bearings being to the south or north, with that staccato beeping and sheet metal wobble sound alternating, no voice audio. Not the westernmost I-275 Tampa FDOT transmitter, which was co-channel with the usual useless looped male voice generic message, and weak WHTK, Portsmouth, VA. First noted March, 2014 and again in November, though it may be there more often than my previous two observations where it was also present throughout the daytime. Again weak 0145 February 4 in co-channel. Anyone else?

1650.21, FLORIDA, unidentified HAR/TIS. 1215 February 1, 2015. Suspecting it's FL and a HAR/TIS, with het against the 1650 I-275 Tampa FL DoT signal. No audio or at least none punching through, measurement approximate. First read seemed to be about 1650.13, but later check seemed closer to here. Again post-sunset 0055 February 4, and still closer to 1650.21. Anyone else?

1650, FLORIDA, unidentified (presumed) HAR/TIS. 0144 February 6, 2015. The "beeper" fair under the westernmost Tampa I-275 HAR (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Florida Low Power Radio Stations: <https://sites.google.com/site/floridadxn/florida-low-power-radio-stations>

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 2660, Feb 9 at 1150 UT, I am awake too early, so seize the opportunity to re-chase the very weak harmonic here. Music is JBA; 1159 UT signal surges a bit, as fundamental 1330 is going from 77 watts night to 500 PSRA? (and what fraction on x 2?). 1200 UT legal ID I can almost copy as ``KGLD, 1330, Tyler``. Gospel music continues past 1206 UT. Also 1230 UT, gospel music fades up and down.

Before 1300 I am back on 2660 hoping for a clearer ID, and I get it! Absolutely, positively over gospel music, says ``KGLD, 1330, Tyler`` (and with ``AM`` but I lost track of whether before or after ``1330``). So they're good about legal IDs at tops of hours, if not harmonic suppression. 1300 UT is KGLD official Feb sunrise, but maybe already on 1 kW day power? JBA carrier still at 1343 UT after sunrise here.

I am unaware that anyone else has ever reported DXing this harmonic; if so, please speak up. BTW, I see in NRC AM Log, its business address is in Baytown, faraway eastern suburb of Houston.

Despite the thousands of US MW stations, harmonics in the 2-4 MHz area remain extremely rare. Those with no local noise level should hunt them out better than I can, before spring T-storm noise builds up.

[and non] I also hear a JBA carrier at times on 2910, presumably 3 x 970 XEVT from Villahermosa, Tabasco (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 92.3, Feb 5 at 2022 UT, Newton KS station is edging in between 92.1 KAMG-LP Enid and 92.5 KOMA OKC, with ID as ``Wichita's all-new Q92 The Beat``; 2029 UT promo for a birthday contest at 8:05 am with a \$15,000 prize. Details scroll by as well as other info at <http://q92wichita.com> where we see their subslogan is ``Best Mix 90s to Now``, presumably referring to music. Heavily promoted are their new morning DJs, Brett & Tracy, who apparently have a history in the market. Real call is KKGQ, newly owned by a non-profit for the blind, Envision, but otherwise appearing to be totally commercial and visually unimpaired (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. It is good to be sent correspondence about the content of radio programming and TIM McCLELLAN says:

iI've been listening to a lot of radio from the United States recently. One interesting programme is 'A Prairie Home Companion' with Garrison Keillor as the host. It's been going for 40 years and is still very popular in the US. You can listen to the programme live on Saturday nights at 11pm through the website <http://www.prairiehome.org>

and watch the broadcast live on the same site.

I patch my ipad through the TV to get a full screen picture. The video feed comes up 15 minutes before the live broadcast so you see the warm up with Garrison and some of the acts on his show before the live broadcast. You also hear what the band think is off mike chat but is actually broadcast on the pre-transmission video feed. This week they were discussing what key they should play a particular piece of music in.

A cut down version of the programme is sometimes played on Radio 4 Extra but it isn't that week's broadcast. The set is a farmhouse and the band which has a very talented musical director who is the keyboard player.

Garrison Keillor is well known for his weekly monologue of small town life in Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, which lasts between 10 and 15 minutes, all without script or notes. This comes in the second hour of the show. There are regular contributors and there is usually at least one country, bluegrass or folk music band. The show is usually broadcast from the National Public Radio-owned [sic] Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minneapolis but they also do runs in New York, San Francisco and other major US cities.

One ipad/iPhone app which will allow you to get these is Wisconsin Public Radio which has a back catalogue of the monologues and much more besides as well as several very interesting music and speech channels. Well worth downloading to have a listen but there are audio recordings of the full programme going back many years on the prairiehome.org site (Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** VANUATU. 3945, R. Vanuatu (presumed), Feb 11 was one of their better days; still hearing their favorite song "You are the Only One," which was played at 1417 & 1445. Glad to find they still are on their extended schedule (Ron Howard, Asilomar State Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. 3945, Feb 11 at 1312, jazz song in English, i.e. R. Nikkei 2, not // stronger Nikkei 1 on 3925 with classical music. I'm checking for signs of another signal on 3945, i.e. R. Vanuatu which is reported running 24 hours on this frequency only, but no trace. After 1401* of RN2, still not even a JBA carrier left. Yet Ron Howard in California says this was ``one of their better days``, heard past 1445 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [and non]. VATICAN STATE, Vatican Radio on 6070 kHz. Radio Vatikan auf 6070 kHz. Radio Vatikan bittet um Empfangsbeobachtungen seiner Europasendungen auf 6070 kHz von Hoerern

aus Europa, betreffend moeglicher Gleichkanalstoerungen durch
Channel292 Rohrbach Waal Germany auf gleicher Frequenz.

Hier ein Auszug aus einer e-mail von Sergio Salvatori

<gestfreq -at- vatiradio.va>

I kindly ask for your help in monitoring our broadcasts on 6070 kHz to Europe. The reason of my request is because I have to evaluate an incompatibility that Vatican Radio could have with or cause to a local German broadcaster on the same frequency, Radio 48 International.

I kindly ask you to let me know if our services at 0630-0715, 1940-2015 and 2140-2200 UT are affected or affect the service of Radio 48 International. Any additional information is welcome.

Sergio Salvatori, Vatican Radio, Frequency Management (Feb 2) (Vatican radio via Ralf Urbanczyk-D, A-DX Febr 2 via Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 4, DXLD)

Of course it's a problem. VR should have stayed on its longtime frequency 6075; why did they move? At the specified hours, only conflict now would be R. Japan in Indonesian at 2130, not likely to bother much if any in Europe; one hour earlier for VR in A-15, all clear on 6075 per HFCC. While on 6070 VR also ruins CFRX in North America at 0630/0530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non]. 11625, Feb 6 at 0308, Vatican Radio, very good in English about kidnapping and mutilation, some two words behind // 9660 which is also good. These amount to defacto North American service, thanks to the broad coverage of VR beams. However, content is Afro-centric and accentic. 9660 is from SMG allegedly at 150 degrees, so we get plenty off the back; 11625 is from MADAGASCAR at 305 degrees, carrying on far beyond its east African target.

9395, Feb 9 at 0555, Vatican Radio news with correspondent in Melbourne about Abbott, VG signal on Global 24 via WRMI. How long before various English SW schedule sites will include this at 0545-0600 six days a week, and even more so, ISRAEL Radio, otherwise absent from SW, preceding it at 0530-0545? WRTH might provide a v. 2 of its 30 Jan pdf Update, but not yet (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. M's censura en Venezuela --- El diexista Jorge García Rangel ha publicado en Facebook la siguiente informaci n:

EN BARINAS HOY TODOS SOMOS INFINITA 90.9 FM.

Como es costumbre en los reg menes dictatoriales, la noche de ayer fue

sacada del aire la señal de Infinita 90.9 FM. Prácticamente una de las pocas emisoras de Barinas que con valentía su equipo periodístico y de productores de espacios, daban a relucir la verdad de la sociedad barinesa.

Hace años tuve la suerte de trabajar como locutor y productor independiente, y no es para menos expresar mi total apoyo a la Familia Torrealba y a todo su personal de trabajadores (Ahora sin trabajo), mi mas sincera solidaridad ante esta arremetida contra la libertad de expresión en Barinas. Cuando todo esto haya pasado, no tengo la menor duda de que la señal de Infinita y muchas otras emisoras silenciadas por la censura gubernamental, volverán al Éter barines. "INFINITA 90.9 FM SOMOS TODOS" Más información en <http://el-informe.com/07/02/2015/opinion/veraz-cierran-otra-radio-en-barinas-radio-infinita-90-9-fm/RGM> (via Rubén Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, Feb 7, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. VIETNAME (e n,,o Vietn,,!) 9635.8, R. Voz do Vietnam, Son Tay, 1051-desvanecimiento total 1145, 08/2, vietnamita, texto; 25432.73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9635.779, Mixture on that channel. Probably Voice of Vietnam first domestic service from Son Tay, tiny on poor level at 0858 UT Feb 9. But also Chinese language SOH Sound of Hope low level broadcast from Taiwan, on 9635.091 kHz (Wolfgang B. schel, log of Feb 9 at 0815-0902 UT, heard on remote SDR unit in Sydney, NSW, Australia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. 6175, Feb 6 at 0457, no signal from V. of Vietnam, since the 0430-0528 Vietnamese hour via WHRI has been canceled, as Ivo Ivanov reports (but the other 6175 relays have not, including English earlier). We used to enjoy the music especially on the Vietnamese hour. All direct 7285 transmissions have also gone off, including English at 11 and 15 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** YEMEN. February 2: R Sana'a in English to ME 1809 on 6135 Al Hiswah <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruE5hSyPTR8&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1813 on 6135 Al Hiswah https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tIH4CgD0_MY&feature=youtu.be

Radio Sana'a in English on shortwave again on February 5 from 1800 6135 ALH 050 kW / non-dir to N/ME, QRM VIRI Bosnian on 6140: <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-sanaa-in-english-on-shortwave.html>

February 5: Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1800 on 6135 Al Hiswah <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RfVzIS35QmE&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1805 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aw4nbLsyUCg&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Sana'a in English to ME 1810 on 6135 Al Hiswah
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57JAsZ59QEw&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZANZIBAR. TANZANIA: 11735, Radio Tanzania-Zanzibar (presumed);
1926-1933+, 6-Feb; Chant with reverb & rapid pulse -- presume
transmitter problem; SSB no help

+++ 2011, 6-Feb; W in unknown language -- distorted.

+++ 1713, 7-Feb; missing.

+++ 1931, 7-Feb; Arabish music. No distortion or pulsing ñ transmitter
problem solved? (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition,
Brighton MI, Drake R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-
N bev + 85' TTFD; All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time!
DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11735, Feb 7 at 2029, ZBC no doubt with ME music, poor with heavy
Doppler flutter. Anticipating springtime improvement (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 700, Feb 11 at 0128 UT, WLW easily nulled completely
revealing a Spanish gospel huxter exclaiming ``en el nombre de
Jes's'', 0129 UT about a ``bendici n'', so it's almost over with a
benedixion? Not exactly; finishes sermon almost breaking up
(emotionally, not modulationally), aleluyas, mentions Hermana Gonzales
and I guess that's she on the air at 0131 UT. Can't stand it any
longer, and besides, it's fading. Not familiar with any XE on 700 with
such a format if full-time. Of the Central Americans on page 540 of
the WRTH 2015, the most religious station name is Radio Inspiraci n,
TGAI, 1 kW in Escuintla, Guatemala. But wait! In order to consider
that I would have to rule out 920-watt KHSE in Wylie (Dallas) TX,
Spanish religious format I now remember, which is probably this, and
it is roughly north/south (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1566, Feb 9 at 1302 UT, JBA carrier for a few minutes,
presumably FEBC South Korea; nothing heard on loband 774, etc., from
Japan (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4990, 0402-0411+, 7-Feb; English soul tune to brief
announcement at 0411 -- couldn't tell language. SIO=332 withi popping
QRM, USB helped. Apintie supposedly off at 0300; Per' maybe? (Harold
Frodge, Midland MI, USA, M.A.R.E. DXpedition, Brighton MI, Drake

R8B/Realistic DX-398 + 500' unterminated dog-leg E-N bev + 85' TTFD;
All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

Other reports of Apintie after 0400; isn't it all-night? (gh, DXLD)

4990+, Feb 8 at 0314, JBA carrier, a tad above channel compared to
WWV. Could it be SURINAME? Last log from Dave Valko had it 10 Hz below
4990 on Feb 2 about this same hour.

4990+, Feb 9 at 0412 again a JBA carrier, slightly on the hi side
compared to WWV, possibly, or what else but? R. Apintie, SURINAME, a
tough one I have yet to log with something definite like Dutch (Glenn
Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 6078 to 6083 kHz, usual scratching pulses signal, like
US ATLANTIC COAST [?] TADIL-A bonker digital signals of US Air Force
and US Marine (Wolfgang B,schel, Morning log of Feb 9 at 0515-0602 UT,
heard on remote SDR unit in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

Not the way I would describe it at all; just stray pulse jamming like
we hear from Cuba on ex-target frequencies (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9666-USB, 1425, Scottish fishermen. Long conversation
(possibly an open mike), 333, 16/01 (David Harris, Emsworth, Hants,
Realistic DX 394, 15m long wire, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

David Harris adds a note to his 9666 kHz logging of iScottish
fishermenî by saying iI think this may have been an iopen mikeî with 2
members of the crew chatting to each other in the wheelhouse of a
fishing boat, rather than 2 way communication between fishing boats at
seaî (Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. I came across a DRM signal this evening on 11705 that
wasn't quite strong enough for me to get a lock on. It seemed to be
strongest when the SAL-20 was pointed to the North. Anyone have any
ideas? The station went off the air at 0230 UT (Tim Rahto, Luther,
Iowa, UT Feb 11, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

One of these WHITE NOISE jammings from China mainland against English
services of BBC{hopping frequencies}, VoA and also AIR outlets in
Nepali/Tibetan and English; see Aoki Nagoya list entry, marked by
Asterix - jammed: ``11710* ALL INDIA RADIO 2245-0045 English 250 kW 65
deg Delhi (Khampur) IND AIR b14`` 73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B,schel,
ibid.)

Tim's time wasn't clarified until later, but 0230 would not fit for

that. However, AIR does have a DRM of its own in Nepali at 0130-0230 centered on 11715, which ought not to spread to 11705! We do hear it QRMing Argentina on 11711- (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11821, Feb 8 at 0328, 2-way conversation on NBFM, 11820 being off-tuned, and 11822 not at all. No // found on CB 27 MHz. Always a hum when keyed on, steady, so suspect image of a local ham repeater probably 2 meters, something to do with DX-398 IF? Never heard anything like this on 11821 before (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 14444.5-USB, Feb 10 at 1510, colloquial Spanish 2-way, stronger one with heavy background (engine?) noise keeping vox on during his pauses, whistling (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15089-CW, Feb 10 at 1517, not hand-keyed, too fast for me, but seems to be in groups of 5 characters only, mostly letters but an occasional number, so probably encrypted; poor but sufficient signal. Lethargic yg search finds 0 hits, I think, on 15089 or 15.089 in UDXF (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15573-USB, Feb 5 at 1340, 2-way in colloquial Spanish really stands out since both of them suffer from hi background noise level (engine?) which keeps the vox engaged; expletive ``puta madre`` soon heard as befits low-class poachers or narcotraffickers. Also with weak het from 15575-AM which must be KBS World Radio, still a total loss in its so-called North American service in English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 17760, Feb 7 at 2225-2235. Music with heavy buzzing jamming covering what sounds like Chinese underneath the jamming. Possibly jamming of religious station iReach Beyondi from Australia. Jamming is very effective (Vince Henley, Anacortes, WA, Tecsun PL-380, JRC NRD-525, Drake R8B. Antennas are half-meter whip on PL-380 and Alpha-Delta DX-Ultra installed broadside east-west, NASWA Flashsheet via DXLD)

At 2230-2300 UT Fri & Sat only, 17760 RBA is scheduled for Japanese: no reason to jam that (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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#### UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1760:

Note from Thomas Witherspoon: Hi, Glenn -- Thanks for all of your

service to the SWL/DX community! Best, (Thomas Witherspoon K4SWL with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

One may also contribute by check or MO in US funds on a US bank to:  
World of Radio, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702 (gh)

First of all I'd like to thank your efforts in running and maintaining the valuable source of information about radio and I am happy to be part of that community (Tibor Gaal, Hungary, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### PUBLICATIONS

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#### MEXICAN AND CUBAN FM STATIONS FOR SKIP SEASON

Jim Thomas has done a tremendous amount of work on the Mexican and Cuban sections of the WTFDA North American FM Station Database <<http://db.wtfda.org>> over the past few weeks. Mexico and Cuba are complete with formats, slogans and lat/long co-ordinates to Mexican and Cuban towns and cities.

I seriously doubt that any other site is more complete. For help go here <<http://www.wtfda.info>>, but briefly, to search for Mexican stations type XH in the callsign search box (add the estado code in the state box if you want the stations in a particular state) and then search.

For Cuban FM stations just type CU in the state field and click search. The Cayman Islands are there also. Just type CI in the state field and click search.'

Thanks, Jim! - (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT USA, Feb 6, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

Thank you Mike. IF WTFDA hadn't made an online FM database available, this wouldn't have been possible. I believe this is one of the best features WTFDA has presented to the world in some time. I think I could nominate the WTFDA for The 2015 IgÅ Nobel Prize <http://www.improbable.com/ig/> but then you have to laugh a lot for that prize and this isn't funny business.

And with the availability of the LAT/LONG numbers on the FM database, here is a fun online tool to plot your dx reception:  
<http://www.freemaptools.com/radius-around-point.htm>  
Just follow the directions on the page (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, ibid.) See also MEXICO

#### STATION ID'S FROM SOUTH AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN RADIO STATIONS

I have uploaded some files to Soundcloud with station ID's from radio stations from South America and the Caribbean:

A selection of a few Medium- and Short Wave stations from Colombia, Ecuador and Peru recorded 1980-81 during a trip to the Caribbean and South American with my Drake SPR4 and a cassette recorder:

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/south-american-am-radio-1980-81-part-i>

Stations ID's from 15 Medium Wave stations which I heard in Tobago in the spring of 2004. I was using my AOR7030 and a MD recorder:

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/tobago-dx-2004-mw>

Stations ID's from 22 FM stations which I heard in Tobago in the spring of 2004. Stations from Trinidad & Tobago, Venezuela, Grenada, St. Vincent and Barbados:

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/tobago-dx-2004-fm>

Medium Wave stations of Uruguay - as I monitored late December 2013 in Barra de Valizas, Uruguay, using my Perseus SDR-receiver and a Wellbrook loop outdoor:

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/uruguay-am-stations>

Medium Wave stations of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Most recordings were made early January 2014 in central Buenos Aires (Recoleta) using my Perseus SDR-receiver and a Wellbrook loop indoor. Some recordings were made late December 2013 in Barra de Valizas, Uruguay, some 425 kmis east of Buenos Aires, with the loop outdoor:

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/buenos-aires-am-dial>

Station ID's from some of the FM stations I heard in central Buenos Aires using my Perseus and a simple FM dipole:

<https://soundcloud.com/stig-hartvig-nielsen/buenos-aires-fm-dial>

Enjoy! :-)

And in the coming weeks more recordings are due from Santiago de Chile, Northern Chile, plenty from Bolivia and a few from Asunci n, Paraguay. Time permitting. Best 73's (Stig Hartvig Nielsen, Denmark, Feb 10, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD)

LANGUAGE LESSONS See CHINA re Firedrake/Firedragon

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CONVENTIONS & CONFERENCES

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2015 WINTER SWL FEST COMPREHENSIVE SCHEDULE

The final, full program and schedule for the 2015 Winter SWL Fest, being held at the Doubletree Suites Hotel in Plymouth Meeting, PA on February 27-28, is now available at

<http://www.swlfest.com>

The web site also has full information on registration and room accommodations. We hope to see YOU there! (Richard Cuff, John Figliozi, Winter SWL Fest Co-Chairs, Feb 5, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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DIA MUNDIAL DE LA RADIO EN UIT

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\*El 13 de febrero la UIT celebra el Día Mundial de la Radio en Ginebra

ORIGINAL: Inglés

Radiodifusiones mundiales en directo, exposiciones, demostraciones, hackathones, debates y presentaciones en torno al tema: Juventud e Innovación en la Radio

Ginebra, 4 de febrero de 2015 - El 13 de febrero la UIT celebrará en Ginebra el Día Mundial de la Radio. El evento será transmitido en vivo a todo el mundo de 17.00 a 20.00 horas desde la Sala Popov del Edificio de la Torre de la UIT.

Organizado por la UNESCO, la Unión Europea de Radiodifusión (UER), la Oficina de las Naciones Unidas en Ginebra y la UIT, el Día Mundial de la Radio comenzará a las 14.00 horas con un hackathon entre jóvenes innovadores y diseñadores de software, y con una exposición de nuevos dispositivos y piezas históricas, a los que seguirá una sesión técnica de expertos de radiocomunicaciones a las 14.30 horas.

El programa principal se iniciará a las 17.00 horas con una transmisión en directo, dirigida por el corresponsal de la BBC Imogen Foulkes, que incluirá emisiones preparadas por la UNESCO, Radio ONU y la UIT, y con el concierto del Día Mundial de la Radio presentado por el Conjunto de Jazz de las Naciones Unidas (UN Jazz Ensemble).

Información a los medios: La acreditación de prensa de las Naciones Unidas es válida. Otros interesados en asistir al evento, pueden enviar su solicitud a Lucy Spencer: [lucy.spencer@itu.int](mailto:lucy.spencer@itu.int). Será necesario presentar un documento de identidad con foto en la entrada. Se recomienda la entrada situada en el Edificio de la Torre de la UIT.

Para el texto completo vease:

[http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press\\_releases/2015/Advisory-01-es.aspx](http://www.itu.int/net/pressoffice/press_releases/2015/Advisory-01-es.aspx)

<http://www.itu.int/facebook> Twitter: <http://www.itu.int/twitter>  
(via "Ricardo T" lu4fdv, Feb 5, condiglista yg via DXLD)

WTFK?? Let alone shortwave. HOW IRONIC --- World Radio Day is not on the radio? Or if on, no details! But streamed anyway (gh, DXLD)

WORLD RADIO DAY RELAYS ROUND THE WORLD  
ABU Newsletter 6 February 2015

ABU members will be taking part in a round-the-world broadcast relay to celebrate the 4th World Radio Day.

On Friday 13 February 2015, participating broadcasters around the globe will devote at least half-an-hour of their programming to the WRD 2015 themes iInnovation and youth in radio.

The main organisers, the European Broadcasting Union, in partnership with the ABU and other broadcasting unions, will also offer three short optional pre-recorded radio features devoted to Radio and Youth, Radio and Innovation and the History of Humanitarian Use of Radio: UN Radio.

The segments can be used whole or in part in a time slot of each station's choice. Most of the features will also be available with scripts in French, Russian, Spanish, Arabic and Chinese, thanks to the UN. Speeches by UN personalities will also be available ready to use on air, plus a one-hour rights-free concert live from Geneva by the UN Jazz Orchestra will be made available.

Organisers say that, as this will be a relay following the world's time zones, there will be a succession of radio stations each handing over to the next participant throughout the day.

To give listeners around the world the chance to follow this special WRD program, the broadcasts will be put on an Internet stream, coordinated via the EBU in Geneva.

[http://www.abu.org.my/Latest\\_News-@-World\\_Radio\\_Day\\_relays\\_round\\_the\\_world.aspx](http://www.abu.org.my/Latest_News-@-World_Radio_Day_relays_round_the_world.aspx)  
Posted by: (Mike Terry, Feb 6, dxldyg via DXLD)

UNESCO TO MARK WORLD RADIO DAY ON FEBRUARY 13TH  
Radio Today 9 February 2015

UNESCO ñ the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation ñ is inviting radio producers and broadcasters across the

to celebrate World Radio Day this Friday, February 13th.

The theme chosen this year is 'Youth and Radio' – calling for greater social inclusion of the generation under 30 years old, as it accounts for more than half of the world's population.

World Radio Day was originally proclaimed by UNESCO in 2011 as a day to remember the unique power of the medium to touch people's lives and bring them together across every corner of the globe, and the organisation has released a statement to mark the occasion regarding why we love radio, and why we need it today more than ever.

It reads: 'From news and public debate to music and entertainment, radio continues to inform, captivate and inspire us in a way that no other medium can. But radio is so much more than a forum for information and entertainment. It reaches more people in more places than any other medium. It is a bridge of communication for remote communities, developing regions and vulnerable populations, sometimes with no other connection to the outside world. Perhaps no other platform can have the real-time reach between people and across cultures'.

The statement continues: 'Radio is also the medium best-adapted to navigate the new digital frontiers that are pushing the media and communication into uncharted waters. Technologies such as the Internet, mobile communication and geolocation have shifted the traditional dynamic in which the media operate, with young people at the fore-front of these converging trends, at the same time embracing radio as enthusiastically as ever. So let's come together on 13 February not only to celebrate the importance of radio in our lives today, but to ensure it lives up to its huge potential in the future'.

UNESCO Director-General, Irina Bokova says: 'On this occasion, UNESCO calls for greater social inclusion of the generation under 30 years old, which accounts for more than half of the world's population, and underlines the power of radio to contribute to this objective. Young women and men are not sufficiently represented in the media – an exclusion that often reflects a wider social, economic and democratic exclusion. Young producers and broadcasters are still rare. Too few programmes are devoted to or designed by young people. This deficit explains the many stereotypes concerning young people circulating in the media and over the airwaves'. (includes a video)

Ideas, events, resources and additional information can be found on the World Radio Day 2015 website at <http://www.diamundialradio.org/?q=en>

<http://radiotoday.ie/2015/02/unesco-to-mark-world-radio-day-on-february-13th/>

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Posted by: (Mike Terry, Feb 9, dxldyg via DXLD)

[HTTP://WORLDRadiODAY.ORG](http://WORLDRadiODAY.ORG) is home page to start (gh, WORLD OF RADIO  
1760, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

DX Diary --- Friday 13 February: UNESCO World Radio Day

This year's theme is Youth and radio, celebrating radio, by youth, for youth, in safety and security. There is an event at SOAS, University of London on Russell Square: a trade fair from 2pm and seminars at 6 pm. An in-depth look at some of the most innovative research using radio in development interventions worldwide, with speakers from academia and professionals working in the field of radio in Africa.

Details of events globally are at  
<https://worldradioday2015.crowdmap.com/>  
Also keep an eye and ear on the World Radio Day Soundcloud channel for related programmes and podcasts on and after the 13th.  
<https://soundcloud.com/world-radio-day>  
(Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See ETHIOPIA; UNIDENTIFIED 11705  
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB  
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DAB INSUFFICIENT IN IRELAND

DAB seems to be stuck in a rut here in the Republic of Ireland. I recently purchased a cheap Argos DAB/FM CDAB831R battery/mains with ten presets. Looks like DAB only, no DAB+. High 150mA battery consumption by the way. But DAB reception here is very poor. I am line of sight with the Cork Togher transmitter three miles away but at the back of the beam and have to go upstairs to get DAB reception. RTE have been on air for about ten years but seem to have no plans to expand DAB, no good in local valleys if you consider same 200-230 MHz old band 3 (Des Walsh, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See CANADA; ICELAND; MEXICO; OKLAHOMA too  
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ANOTHER .2 CHANNEL SURFACES!

Are you already sick of how many dot 2 (D2) offerings there are? Maybe it's only the beginning of a plethora of multicast networks (a.k.a. sub-channels or bitcasters).

And then there is Buzzr TV. It's a new D2 property of Fox O&O television, which recently purchased the rights from FreemantleMedia North America. In a nutshell, 24/7 game show network, reruns and recent runs. It's the first ALL game shows network to enter the D2 industry. Rights to over 40,000 episodes of various popular game shows.

<http://www.tvnewscheck.com/article/82339/fox-oos-game-for-latest-diginet-buzzr-tv>

All 17 Fox O&Os will carry the D2 network and will be in 9 of the top 10 TV markets, 14 of the top 20. It appears OTA television is trying to re-invent itself. I wonder how long it will be before there are D2 networks that mimic cable channels? (Jim Thomas, Springfield, Missouri, Jan 23, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

This will probably settle out with some fading away. One problem they have now is lack of awareness. I am working with a local reporter to get something in. This sure takes one thing away from the FCC auction plan. Channel sharing won't work well with all the diginets filling sub-channels. Sent on the new Sprint Network (Dave Pomeroy, KS, ibid.)

That all depends on whether the station owner can make more from one of these specialty nets or from leasing it to another station. I suspect that will be highly individual by market, but realistically I see these nets as filler because of a lack of any other programming. As those proliferate, it may make the leasing operation more lucrative because of the perceived lack of availability of channels or because there is too much duplication or overlap between similar nets in a marketplace. I can't see most of these nets being overly rewarding to the owner (Russ Edmunds, Blue Bell, PA, ( 15 mi NW of Philadelphia ) ibid.)

NO SIGNAL

Maybe someone can explain this --- Right now, local WRNN-48 is showing full signal strength on both the Insignia Box and my LG TV, but "NO SIGNAL" is showing and there is no picture or audio. This is the same on all WRNN sub-channels too. What kind of malfunction causes this to happen? Would today's snowfall have anything to do with it. By the way, WRNN is fine on cable (Chris Lucas - Poughkeepsie, NY - FN31bs, Insignia NS-DXA1-APT DTV Converter, Antennas Direct 91-XG UHF antenna @ 25', w/ CPA19 pre-amp, Feb 9, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

Sounds like they've had a failure of their DTV encoder. So they're putting out RF, but the data stream going out over that RF is either corrupted or nonexistent. Cable is probably fed by fiber through a separate encoder, which is why it's fine. s (Scott Fybush, Rochester NY, ibid.)

I agree with Scott. Doug Smith gave the same reply to my comments over the years relating to my local LD, WIIH-8, Indianapolis, which is currently that way AGAIN. Most tuners indicate full signal but will not decode audio or video. Out of all of my tuners, my two Sony HDTVs will decode the signal, but that's it. I think this station might use an old encoder from one of its sister stations, WISH-8 or WNDY-23. Sometimes this goes on for WEEKS at this unknown and unwatched station.

Back around 2002-2003, in the early years of DTV, this was a somewhat common issue that popped up from time to time at a few Indy stations. Several times I contacted the RF engineer at local WTTV-4/WTTK-29 to reboot the encoder, which at the time usually fixed the problem. (Steve Rich, Indianapolis, IN, *ibid.*)

Here in San Francisco we have a station that doesn't seem to have any idea how to run a TV station, and it's been this way for over a year now. It's KMTP 32 (RF33). It has six sub-channels, but there's nothing on .2 and .4, and .3 doesn't even show up when you scan. They have programming on .5, but the schedule information that goes with it is for something completely different than what's being shown. The information for their .1 and .6 channels is sometimes right, but most of the time it's also wrong.

If you tune to either .2 or .4 most TV tuners show "No Signal", and that's what's happening when you tune to WRNN 48.

We also have stations here that are transmitting color bars, "For Lease" signs and pixelating video, too. Seems funny when you have a signal of 29 dB and 98% to see the picture breaking up, but that's what the station is transmitting. It's sad to see the state of broadcasting becoming so sloppy (Larry WB9LOZ Kenney, SF, *ibid.*)

My guess -- and this is just a guess -- is that the snow has killed WRNN's studio-transmitter link microwave. Is it the thick, heavy stuff? That tends to stick in dishes, and because it's wet it tends to block signals. If the STL isn't working, the transmitter may be sending a stream of bits but they're all zeroes. == (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, Feb 10, *ibid.*)

WRNN returned to regular programming around 9am this morning, after transmitting nothing for almost 24 hours. Maybe it was the microwave dish, but it wasn't a real wet snow. Mostly low 20's here at my house, although I don't know about up at the WRNN site. Shouldn't they turn off the transmitter if they can't feed programming? It seems like a waste to keep it on the air transmitting nothing. By the way, WTBY DT-27 (TBN) at same site did not have any problems (Chris Lucas -

Poughkeepsie, NY - FN31bs, Insignia NS-DXA1-APT DTV Converter,  
Antennas Direct 91-XG UHF antenna @ 25', w/ CPA19 pre-amp, ibid.)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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#### UNDERSTANDING COVERAGE MAPS

Radio-Locator maps show the coverage area, not the strength of the transmission. For AM stations, ground conductivity affects coverage area. The FCC ground conductivity maps R-L uses show a significant dropoff in conductivity just north of South Bend -- precisely where the coverage radius shrinks.

(you can reasonably assume ground conductivity -- and WDND's coverage -- don't actually shrink \*instantly\* when you pass north of the city)

You might also look at the FM map for W279CH. The station is non-directional (I know, because I filled out the FCC paperwork and examined the antenna installation).

However, the coverage map on R-L certainly isn't non-directional! That's because being in Tennessee, the terrain surrounding this translator is definitely NOT even, and so even though an equal amount of signal is radiated in all directions, W279CH doesn't "get out" equally in all directions.

R-L has taken some heat for this characteristic of their maps. I suppose they deserve some kudos for \*trying\* but I have to agree that the implementation isn't very good (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> Feb 6, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

So I see what you're saying that map and that it wouldn't suddenly drop off like that but with the translator (didn't know a LPFM could have a translator) so is it good with FM maps and bad with AM ones? Is there another site that's better than radio locator? (JVL DXer, Janesville, WI - Kaito KA1103 & Insignia HD portable, ibid.)

They're just using the ground conductivity data from the FCC, [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ground\\_conductivity#mediaviewer/File:United\\_States\\_Effective\\_Ground\\_Conductivity\\_Map.png](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ground_conductivity#mediaviewer/File:United_States_Effective_Ground_Conductivity_Map.png) which approximates things quite a bit. Years ago they would have been doing AM coverage calculations by hand so keeping this variable constant (for the most part) in your calculations would make things a lot easier. These days if you had enough ground conductivity data points you could run it through a computer model and get a really nice coverage map. TVFool.com does this with TV coverage maps using elevation data that is publicly available. This creates some nice

color contoured coverage maps (spunker88, 25MI SE Watertown, NY, DX Radios: Sony XDR-F1HD, Sony XDR-S10HDiP, Tecsun PL-390, ibid.)

Whether another site's maps are "better" than radio-locator depends on what you want from the maps. If you want to know where a station's signal actually goes, the R-L maps are probably your best choice. They aren't that good but they're better than anything else out there. If you want to know how a station's signal is \*transmitted\*, without regard to what the environment does to its signal between the transmitter and the receiver, I'd look elsewhere. I usually use the maps on the FCC website. If you use FM Query or TV Query, there are service contour map links. For AM, you can get an "electrical strength pattern plot" for directional stations. (for non-directional stations the plot would be just a circle, so they don't bother)

Yes, LPFMs can have translators. The rules say a translator may be used to rebroadcast an "AM or FM broadcast station" - and 47CFR73 Subpart G defines "Low Power FM Broadcast Stations". In WRFN's case the translator reaches far more listeners than the primary, and I'm sure they're not the only LPFM in that situation (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, <http://www.w9wi.com> WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

#### GOOGLE EARTH

Some rumors around that GE may end. I certainly hope this isn't true as it has been a godsend for many of us at Swsites YG in locating so many SW sites for the SW community & following changes to tx sites.

Certainly development has appeared to have grinded to a halt on the GE product. This has seemingly, as speculated by others, to do with changes in management at Google from a technical focus to income focus. The big problem with GE is that the product cannot be used by Google to advertise & make money, unlike Google Maps.

Hopefully whilst development has (appeared to have) halted, the product will still continue. So many individuals, organisations & company rely on the product these days & it has so many features that Google Maps doesn't. Perhaps some of our members will feel motivated to make their feelings known to Google?

Whilst GE is a fantastic product the current version of GE is still far from perfect. I still find on occasions that when accessing certain SV images in certain places on GE that GE product will crash; and I note that others (as reported on the web) experience the same thing (Ian, Feb 5, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

RADIO SHACK CLOSING [cf DXLD 15-05]

I send you an article about the collapse of RadioShack. I send the whole article. It is long but I have no other choice because I have no idea when its host, Bloomberg will remove it from public domain. Maybe your readers can confirm that Bloomberg reorganises its publicly available content.

Personally, I am not affected by RadioShack's collapse since I live in Hungary, central part of Europe. I only once was in one of RadioShack's stores when I visited my relatives in New Jersey state, U.S., in January of 2003.

#### INSIDE RADIOSHACK'S SLOW-MOTION COLLAPSE

How did the electronics retailer go broke? Gradually, then all at once February 2, 2015 by Joshua Brustein [www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com)

Photographer: Jamie Chung/Bloomberg Businessweek

Nathan Hill learned a lot about entertaining himself during his time as a RadioShack employee. For 15 months during 2013 and 2014, he worked at two locations in two separate strip malls in suburban Phoenix. It was dull, but Hill, a 19-year old computer science student, didn't mind getting paid to sit around and play his Nintendo 3DS or browse Reddit on the store computers. "On some nights I would go from 6 to 9, three whole hours, without seeing a single customer," he says. For each hour of solitude, he was paid \$7.80. If someone came in and actually bought something, he made a 2 percent commission: That usually added up to an additional \$6 or so before taxes.

The few customers who did show up tended to be annoyed. Hill says that a sizable portion were sullen hardware enthusiasts who blamed sales clerks like him for the emptiness of the stores. Others had reached an impasse in their technological lives. "They come in with a problem that Best Buy can't solve," says Hill. "They're on their last straw."

RadioShack is getting there, too. The company's finances, unstable for years, have finally collapsed. On Monday Bloomberg News reported that the company is preparing to close its doors for good, in a bankruptcy deal by which Sprint would take over half the stores and close the rest. While the negotiations could still break down or the terms could change, the end game seems to have arrived. RadioShack has lost \$936 million since the fourth quarter of 2011, the last time it was in the black. Its shares have lost 99.6 percent of their value since peaking 15 years ago.

On Monday the New York Stock Exchange said it had suspended trading on the stock and started the process of delisting it. The only bright spot in RadioShack's recent past was an amusing TV spot during last year's Super Bowl, when the company mocked itself for being stuck in the 1980s. (By the end of the year its chief marketing officer had

left and the company had slashed its advertising budget.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpkixVDFpcI>

RadioShack's options dwindled as the losses mounted. When the company announced a plan to close more than 1,000 of its 4,000 or so stores last year, its lenders refused to go along with the plan because they were worried that paying to get out of leases and cart away unsold merchandise wouldn't be enough to keep it out of bankruptcy.

The chaos at the electronics retailer has been building for many years. The company had three chief executives from 1963 to 2005; since then it has had six. Many executives were fired or fled. A group of employees is suing RadioShack for putting company shares into their 401(k) accounts, saying it should be punished for encouraging such a boneheaded investment.

Hourly employees in Pennsylvania are suing the company for \$3.9 million in unpaid overtime wages. They recently said they'd be willing to accept only \$513,000 in an attempt to get paid before creditors start picking over the company. Recently, RadioShack has stood by as customers began buying their gadgets at Best Buy, Amazon, or the Sprint store. RadioShack has spent the last 20 years trying on a number of identities, none of which it has been able to convincingly adopt, all while testing the patience of investors, employees, and most markedly, customers.

It didn't have to be this way. There are still potential RadioShack customers out there. Some need HDMI cables and aren't willing to wait for a delivery from Amazon; others have a professional need for a disposable cell phone. And then there are the tinkerers, who once served as RadioShack's core constituency. They're back and thriving and now known as the maker community.

But the company has failed to capture that market, despite the efforts of Joseph Magnacca, a former executive at Walgreen's who took over in February 2013. He has tried to re-establish ties to DIYers. He forged partnerships with startups such as LittleBits, which makes kits for building gadgets, and Quirky, where people collaborate to create consumer electronics products. He also launched services to fix people's cracked cell-phone screens at several hundred stores and began a program called "Do It Together," where employees help customers with projects. This Is Why RadioShack Is in Trouble

Hill, who quit late last year, found the sheer number of new strategies dizzying. Managers were constantly rearranging the stores, so employees had trouble keeping track of where things were. No one he knew was trained for the Do It Yourself campaign. When asked whether

he thought customers even wanted something like that from RadioShack, he pauses. "It's really hard to tell because so few customers come in," he says. RadioShack declined to comment for this article.

Another former employee, Jon Bois, remembers being required to report for work at a mall outpost at 4:30 am on Black Friday in 2004, only to sit idle for hours waiting for customers who never arrived. Bois, now a writer for the sports website SB Nation, wrote a piece in November arguing that searching for coherence in RadioShack's strategic decisions was futile. "It's like retracing the steps and doings of a drunk person," he wrote. "Okay, here's where he keyed the cop car. Wait, why'd he do that? I don't know, but his pants are lying here, so this is before he stripped naked and tried to rob the library."

Former executives who spoke to Bloomberg Businessweek, mostly on the condition on anonymity, didn't quite put it that way. They did acknowledge, however, that the company had made massive mistakes. None of them thought that RadioShack's ruin was inevitable. When asked to pinpoint when everything went wrong, they fell into two main groups: those who argued that it happened right after they left, and those who say the damage was already done when they arrived.

"It's amazing it's taken this long for this company to go out of business."

RadioShack's TRS-80 computer circa 1980s. [caption]  
Photographer: D&P Valenti/ClassicStock via Corbis

RadioShack was founded in Boston by two London-born brothers, Theodore and Milton Deutschmann, in 1921. The target audience was ham radio enthusiasts; they named it after the compartment that housed the wireless equipment. The brothers set up shop on Brattle Street and spent the next several decades becoming a leading distributor of equipment for do-it-yourselfers in the Northeast.

By 1962 the company was running nine stores and bringing in \$14 million in annual sales. But it also lost more than \$4.5 million that year, and was facing \$7 million in debt. RadioShack's main creditor, the First National Bank of Boston, began looking for someone to buy the company and prevent it from defaulting on its loans.

One of the bank's executives was friendly with Charles Tandy, an ambitious businessman from Texas who ran a chain of leather stores. The leather crafts business was lucrative but niche, and Tandy had been spending his company's profits buying businesses with more mainstream potential. He had already made unsuccessful runs at two of the more established electronics chains when First National came asking for a favor. Recognizing a strong bargaining position when he

saw one, he negotiated a deal to buy the business for about \$300,000 and moved the Boston company's headquarters to Fort Worth.

The strategy that Tandy laid out in 1963 served it well for decades: Appeal to hobbyists. Each store was small, staffed by people who knew electronics, and stocked with merchandise with healthy margins. Tandy eschewed national brand names, instead setting up his own manufacturing network to sell private brands. But even more than stereos, RadioShack wanted to move accessories, batteries, and a wide range of transistors and capacitors. All these items could be marked up heavily.

For decades, the chain even ran a battery club whose members were entitled to one free battery each month. RadioShack also began to define itself by its ubiquity, becoming so convenient that customers couldn't ignore it. In 1966 there were 100 stores nationwide; by 1971 there were 1,000, and eventually there would be more than seven times that number.

In 1975, Tandy described the ideal RadioShack customer to a group of financial analysts. "We're not looking for the guy who wants to spend his entire paycheck on a sound system," he said, according to Irvin Farman's account in Tandy's Money Machine: How Charles Tandy Built RadioShack Into the World's Largest Electronics Chain. Instead, the company went after customers looking to save money by buying cheaper goods and improving them through modifications and accessorizing. The target audience was people who needed one small piece of equipment every week.

Nerds ate it up. In the 1970s, the stores were regular stops for kids aiming to excel at science fairs. Years before they founded Apple, Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak used diodes and transistors purchased from RadioShack to build a "blue box," a machine that tricked the phone system into letting them make free long-distance phone calls. Once-obscure electronics were becoming mainstream. The oil crisis of the early 1970s set off a craze in CB radios--at one point, they made up almost 30 percent of RadioShack's total sales.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KP7CsIEcfV8>

But the CB boom eventually subsided and RadioShack faced pressure to find something to replace it. The company's answer--perhaps the high point in its history--was the TRS-80, one of the first mass-market personal computers. The TRS-80 looked like a swollen version of today's desktops, with about 16K of memory; a 12-inch-square monitor with one shade of gray characters and no graphics, unless you counted artfully piled-up Xs; and a cassette player on which you could save information while you waited for someone to invent a hard drive. The

TRS-80 used software designed by a little-known startup named Microsoft. An early advertisement boasted that it could be used to manage personal finances, plan recipes, or play backgammon.

The TRS-80 was a huge risk. There was no market for personal computers at the time, and at \$600 it would be the most expensive product RadioShack had ever sold. Tandy justified an initial order of 1,000 units by saying the stores could use them for inventory management if customers weren't interested. Instead, the company ended up selling the computers faster than it could make them. In the early years, the TRS-80 was more popular than Apple's machines.

Over the next decade, RadioShack succeeded at manufacturing and selling computers, while also serving as the first stop for many people looking to build or modify their own devices. But the TRS-80 couldn't keep up with the personal computers being made by competitors, and RadioShack's hardware business stopped being profitable. By the early 1990s, says one former executive, it was his job to make sure that computer sales didn't exceed 10 percent of the company's overall business because it made so little money from them. RadioShack stopped making personal computers in 1993. It needed a new anchor and found one: cell phones.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=694TX2lQ7Uo>

In 1993, Len Roberts, the former CEO of Shoney's and Arby's, was looking for a new job. He had narrowed the search to two possibilities: Blockbuster Video, which seemed very glamorous to his three young daughters, and RadioShack, which did not. The chain's sales had shrunk more than 17 percent the year before.

Roberts disappointed his kids by choosing RadioShack, largely because of research about its customers. "They trusted RadioShack, which was an anomaly at the time. They came to RadioShack for reasons they would not go anywhere else," he said. The store's employees could "help them figure out how to hook up a VCR to their TV, and they needed cables and wires and batteries. And I just saw this unbelievable potential that was not being provided by any retail organization." Roberts served as a president of one of the company's operating divisions for six years before becoming chief executive in 1999.

When Roberts arrived, the company was already in the middle of a makeover. It was opening its own big box stores under the brand names Incredible Universe, Famous Brand Electronics, and Computer City. They were essentially anti-RadioShacks. Incredible Universe stores were vast places with in-store restaurants, karaoke studios, and huge selections of big-screen televisions and home appliances.

The new chains drove up sales. RadioShack's revenues grew to \$6.3 billion in 1996, a level that it hasn't come close to since. But selling lots of stuff isn't everything. The same year that RadioShack's sales peaked, it was unprofitable for the first time in recent memory. The company realized it had to pull the plug. "I don't think we knew how to operate those stores," says Roberts. "They failed, I mean, in any measure you want to measure it."

But RadioShack had also found something it was good at. Cell phones were becoming popular, and customers were intrigued but intimidated. Wireless carriers and device manufacturers were looking for someone to hold first-time owners' hands. Given that RadioShack stores were already places where people sought technology advice, the chain was well-placed to play the role of helpful tutor. It didn't hurt that the stores were everywhere. "It was a massive land grab to get everybody signed up, and RadioShack provided that scale," says David Schick, managing director of equity research at Stifel, the investment banking firm.

Roberts negotiated deals with carriers in which RadioShack received not only a cut of the initial device sale but also payments from customers' monthly wireless bills. RadioShack increasingly focused on the lucrative new revenue stream. A longtime executive who left the company in the mid-2000s compared the wireless business to a narcotic, with the company bingeing on phone sales while ignoring the other parts of its business.

The addiction had consequences. Signing someone up for a mobile contract took about 45 minutes, and many stores were staffed for long stretches by a single employee. Customers in search of help regularly left in frustration and foot traffic began dropping, says Claire Babrowski, the company's CEO from 2005 to 2006.

"It felt like it was time to make a decision: Is mobile going to be the predominant business and if so, what other things do we need to change," says Babrowski. "For the time I was there, that question was never culled in a way that allowed you to pick a clear path. My guess is that if you could go back to that era, maybe a different decision would have ended up a little differently for RadioShack."

RadioShack lost in e-commerce, too. It tried a ship-to-store model with Radio Shack Unlimited, which Roberts says was a way to develop the skills the company would need to build an Amazon-like e-commerce service. While it was doing that, Amazon went ahead and built its own system. RadioShack's executives never committed to e-commerce, says Babrowski, in part because they were worried about diverting attention from the difficulties at the stores.

Roberts retired in 2005 and was succeeded by David Edmondson. The following years were a self-reinforcing cycle of failure and instability at the top ranks of management. Edmondson served as chief executive for less than a year; he had to step down after getting caught lying about his education. Babrowski became interim chief executive for several months until the company hired Julian Day, the former chief executive of Kmart. Babrowski resigned, saying that Day was too focused on cutting costs. Edmondson declined an interview request, and Day couldn't be reached for comment.

Day arrived after a six-year stretch in which two-thirds of the company's market value was lost. He spent most of his energy assuring Wall Street that the company was getting its house in order, according to people who follow the company. This led to a period of cost-cutting at the stores and at headquarters. By any financial measure, RadioShack has been in decline ever since. Its stores look like they were preserved in amber 10 years ago.

RadioShack couldn't sell phones for long, either. Mobile carriers stopped relying on the chain and eventually negotiated deals where they didn't have to pay the company monthly residual fees. All the major wireless carriers operate their own retail locations now, often adjacent to RadioShack stores. The increased competition has driven down sales -- RadioShack revenue from mobile phones dropped about 25 percent last quarter -- and each sale has become steadily less profitable. The extensive network of stores that proved such an asset in the past has become a huge liability. "The margins have been competed away," says Shick. "If you have lots and lots of stores--and lots of rent -- that's pressure."

Attempts to squeeze maximum value out of each person who walks into one of its locations has made shopping or working at RadioShack irritating. In the days of the mail, RadioShack employees were reliably aggressive about getting a customer's name and address so they could flood mailboxes with circulars offering specials on batteries. Hill said he was required to offer insurance plans to customers for each item they purchased and was told to keep pushing until a customer said "no" three times.

Another former employee said that managers at the location where he worked in Columbia, Md., would only allow employees to claim commissions on phones if they also sold at least one accessory. Otherwise the manager claimed the sale. He said he left because he felt awful pushing customers to buy things they didn't need.

As the cell phone moved away from RadioShack, it also helped kill the rest of the business by destroying the market for so many of the gadgets RadioShack used to sell, such as voice recorders, GPS devices,

answering machines, and camcorders. Early last year, Steve Cichon, a writer for the website Trending Buffalo, sifted through a RadioShack ad from 1991 and found that his iPhone had negated any need for 13 of the 15 products being sold. The listed price on those items: \$3,054.82.

On the way down, turning the stores into a chain of cell-phone kiosks staffed by hucksters alienated the DIYers. Dana Macri, a 32-year-old from Queens, N.Y., reminisces about poring over his local store's array of radio-controlled cars as a kid, then graduating to the bins of transistors and capacitors as a teenager. He recalls a trip he made to the same store six months ago. "I needed a Y cable to turn an RF into a mini, and I thought they would at least know that," says Macri, who now works at a video production and equipment rental company. "I went in and asked for the cable, and the woman looked at me like I spoke a different language. She basically walked me over to the rack with all these adapters and cables and stuff and said, 'This is what we have.'"

Losing the allegiance of people like Macri led to a particularly cruel irony: RadioShack missed a trend it started. In the last several years, as tinkering became cool again with the rise of Maker Faires, 3D printing, personal drones, and tiny, dirt-cheap computers such as Raspberry Pi. Though RadioShack is trying to catch up -- its website recently posted instructions for making a salt spreader for a snowy driveway out of a remote controlled car, a few water bottles, and a littleBits motor -- it apparently came too late. A former senior executive who had left the company recently bemoaned how most of the stores are loaded with outdated inventory, and customers have been trained to go elsewhere anyway. More transformation requires resources that the company doesn't have.

Getting back to being a hobbyist's playground that operates at a fraction of the scale of the current business can happen only after a bankruptcy, says Larry Perkins, a restructuring expert who runs Sierra Constellation Partners, a consulting firm. According to Bloomberg News, RadioShack has also discussed co-branding stores with Sprint instead of retiring the RadioShack brand altogether. The latest RadioShack news can seem like an obituary for someone you thought was long dead. "I wouldn't even call this a failure. I'd call it an assisted suicide," says Scott Galloway, a professor of marketing at New York University's Stern Business School. "It's amazing it's taken this long for this company to go out of business." (Bloomberg via Tibor Gaal, Hungary, DXLD)

RADIOSHACK EMPLOYEES: TALES FROM THE WALKING DEAD

Time appears to be running out for RadioShack as employees tell

stories of demise of electronics chain. View on money.cnn.com  
<http://money.cnn.com/2015/02/05/news/companies/radioshack-stores/index.html>  
(via R Bruce Carter, TX, Feb 5, ABDX via DXLD)

Re: RadioShack FILES FOR CHAPTER 11 BANKRUPTCY AFTER DEAL WITH SPRINT  
<http://dealbook.nytimes.com/2015/02/05/radio-shack-files-for-chapter-11-bankruptcy/>

Ahhh, gotta get another 'shot' in, Radio Shack. From the article: The company's single biggest problem, Mr. Pachter said, was its irrelevance. I ask people under 30 what a radio is, and what a shack connotes, he said. It's your grandmother's store.

Dead Radio killed them? All they sold were telephones. Clearance at present Radio Shack website has hundreds of phone gadget stuff with secret names. Samsung Galaxy Steroid Pro Analnot 447 Second Edition, etc. Anything radio related and do a web search and who costs more? Cell-Phones use radio waves (secret?)

In my opinion there was some extra ingredient that killed them off total. I think Best Buy is struggling but if they dropped all their 'lines' and only pushed phones?

Around here the employees were unbelievable. None could ever get a job anywhere else. Flipping Burgers or hauling trash or? I walked into a store today wondering if any good clearances. One person left. The one from the housing project that prior would hang around just cracking jokes about any potential customer. Like little kids that laugh about people.

Enough!!! I have seen no good clearance stuff. Most stores in the area starting having 25% off a couple weeks or more ago. Prior there was a store that closed (Norwalk, CT) that had radical price reductions. See no good deals now (internetterminal zz4a, ABDX via DXLD)

AMAZON IN TALKS TO BUY SOME OF RADIOSHACK'S STORES  
<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2015-02-03/amazon-said-to-mull-buying-radioshack-stores-in-retail-expansion>  
Sent from my iPhone (via Dennis Gibson, ibid.)

DEFINITIVE RADIOSHACK STORE CLOSURE LIST  
[http://radioshackcorporation.com/pdfs/RS-Store-Closure-List\\_020415.pdf](http://radioshackcorporation.com/pdfs/RS-Store-Closure-List_020415.pdf)  
Sent from my iPad (via Dennis Gibson, ibid.)

Hard to search, but I do not find Enid on it (gh, Enid)

Well, I will be losing my local RadioShack. To compensate I can still drive to AES in Willoughby about 45 miles west of me. A Microcenter is

on roughly the same line of route down in Mayfield; otherwise the home of Progressive Insurance. No more casual parts trips for me (Stephen Michael Kellat, KC8BFI, dxldyg via DXLD)

We have our first New Year resolution! This is from DESMOND WALSH in Ireland who has emailed OTD and says:

#### LOCAL NOISE SOURCES INESCAPABLE

My move to a new address, rural this time, has taken up a lot of time during 2014. I have yet to sort all the rubbish that I must dump and the only antenna I have erected so far is about 50 metres of earthen wire thrown up onto trees about 10m high. I am NOT clear of local noise interference despite a rural location.

Prime troubles seem to be faulty transformers or poor insulators in local 10kV/20kV transmission lines, giving a background sound that I can only describe as buzzy-hissy wideband noise with a 100 Hz buzz, not always, but randomly. Other noise comes from electronics in my house, particularly under-floor controller which I have to switch off to hear clearly on HF. Also the usual TV, satellite TV receiver, laptop and phone chargers etc have to be disconnected!

#### PROPAGATED SHORTWAVE NOISES

Now for comment on propagated shortwave noises. I am still hearing the data bursts, mainly a train of eight short (c 200ms) bursts of data lasting about five seconds in all that are heard randomly all over HF from about 3.3 MHz to over 29 MHz, but mainly in the 6 and 7 MHz areas in daytime.

These are encoded digital burst transmissions using spread spectrum (frequency hopping) and are really annoying when tuned to AM broadcast (such as 9475 kHz Australia) or SSB Amateur 7 MHz areas. They have been around for a couple of years but seem to have reduced very much in the last 12 months.

If you look up the Wireless Waffle website

<http://www.wirelesswaffle.com>

and go to the entries for January 2013 you will see a query from me regarding the noise bursts and a reply explaining them, with a spectral readout and a link to an audio recording of a typical transmission. I have never seen any other references to these data bursts and still wonder where they come from!

#### DISTORTED PAIRS OF AUDIO TONES ON 10 METERS

Another strange transmission I have been hearing for a year or more is

in the 26 to 29 MHz areas. Whilst 25 to 27 MHz contains many strange transmissions, such as CODAR marine sweepers, data bursts, tone trains, and illegal CBers I began hearing wideband transmissions consisting of distorted pairs of audio tones across about 100 kHz like an over modulated square wave, a low and a high tone lasting about four to six seconds each with a two second pause.

These seem to hop or drift quite a bit and often land on about 28.2 MHz in the 10 metre amateur band, heard mainly in the mornings up to about 1300. There does not seem to be a carrier but at times strength can be about S4 across 50 kHz at times. Heard at random times and random frequencies.

STILL FEW CLEAR CHANNELS ON 6 & 7 MHZ BANDS; NEW GERMAN ON 6070

Does anyone know which station is interfering with the Canadian station on 6070 kHz which I hear now up to about 1000 in the mornings? You would think that with the massive falloff of SW broadcasts such frequency clashes could be avoided!

I note that from about 1400 if I tune across the 6 and 7 MHz bands there are very few CLEAR channels, masses of weak stations in the noise too weak to hear and mainly in obscure Asian languages. Very little English to be heard now.

WOBBLY RUSSIAN SPEECHES AROUND 3 MHZ

More strange transmissions I am hearing are in the 3 MHz region at night, from about 1900 UT onwards. There are unstable and slightly distorted AM transmissions most likely in Russian in the 2950 kHz to 3250 kHz region. Well, these transmissions sound like speeches, with urgency, males yapping on for minutes at a time, well past midnight here (3 AM Moscow time!) and if you receive them as SSB they are severely wobbling in line with the audio modulation, poor VFO frequency control. I wonder if they are old WW2 619 type1 valve transceivers? I can hear up to ten frequencies in use at times! I have heard a couple in the 1750 kHz region too. VERY strange indeed (all: Des Walsh, Feb BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) See also DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DAB

GOT A PROBLEM WITH RFI FROM [GROW] LAMPS?

Call the cops.

<http://www.policeone.com/drug-interdiction-narcotics/articles/8224280-How-cops-are-catching-grow-ops-with-AM-radios/>  
(via Brock Whaley Ireland for DXLD)

PROPAGATION

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## PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM PIG

Ondrejov: Weekly Forecasts Bulletin February 06, 2015

Subject: Weekly Forecasts Bulletin

Solar activity forecast for the period February 6 - 12, 2015

Activity level: mostly low

X-ray background flux (1.0-8.0 A): in the range B3.0-C1.0

Radio flux (10.7 cm): a fluctuation in the range 110-170 f.u.

Events: class C (0-12/day), class M (0-7/period), class X (0/period),  
proton (0-1/period)

Relative sunspot number (Ri): in the range 30-120

Jozef Lesko, RWC Prague, Astronomical Institute, Solar Dept.,  
Ondrejov, Czech Republic, e-mail: sunwatch(at)asu.cas.cz

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Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period February 6 - 13, 2015

The first half of the next week (Feb 6 - 9), we expect at the Budkov observatory at most quiet conditions. The second part of the next week, we expect quiet to unsettled conditions with an active episode possible but not probable.

Tomas Bayer, Institute of Geophysics of the ASCR  
Geomagnetic observatory Budkov (BDV)

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Geomagnetic activity forecast for period February 6 - March 4, 2015

Geomagnetic field will be:

quiet on February 16, 19

mostly quiet on February 14 - 15, 20, 25 - 26, March 4

quiet to unsettled February 9 - 13, 21 - 22, 24

quiet to active on February 6 - 8, 18, 23, 28, March 3

active to disturbed on February 17, 27, March 1

disturbed on February 27, March 2

Amplifications of the solar wind are still mostly unpredictable, but some peaks are expected about February 19 - 20, 25, 28 and March 1.

Remarks:

- Reliability of predictions is still reduced.
- Parentheses indicate a lower probability of increased activity.

F. K. Janda, OK1HH, Czech Propagation Interest Group  
(OK1HH & OK1MGW, weekly forecasts since 1978)

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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 02 - 08 February 2015

Solar activity was at low levels with C-class flare activity for most of the week with an isolated period of moderate solar activity observed on 04 Feb. Region 2277 (N08, L=330, class/area=Fkc/510 on 30 Jan) produced the only R1 (Minor) or greater radio blackout of the period, an M1/2n flare at 04/0215 UTC, but produced only low-level C-class flare activity for the remainder of the period. Region 2280 (S07, L=283, class/area=Dac/210 on 08 Feb) also produced numerous C-class flares since rotating onto the visible disk on 02 Feb, but activity was limited to the low C-class range. No Earth-directed coronal mass ejections were observed throughout the period.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at moderate to high levels throughout the period. Electron flux values began the week at low to moderate levels on 02 Feb but increased to moderate to high levels for 03-05 Feb, reaching a peak value of 7,430 pfu at 1525 UTC on 04 Feb, in response to an enhanced solar wind environment due to coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) effects earlier in the period. Low to moderate electron flux values returned for 06-08 Feb as CH HSS effects ceased.

Geomagnetic field activity ranged from quiet to G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm levels throughout the period. G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm conditions were observed early (0000-0600 UTC) on 02 Feb, with periods of moderate geomagnetic storm conditions observed at high latitudes, in response to a co-rotating interaction region (CIR) followed by effects from an extension of a recurrent negative polarity CH HSS in the southern solar hemisphere. Unsettled to active conditions were observed for the remainder of 02 Feb and early on 03 Feb as CH HSS influence weakened. The solar wind regime returned to a mostly nominal state for remainder of the period with predominately quiet to unsettled geomagnetic field conditions observed on 04-08 Feb, although an isolated period of active field

conditions were observed between 1500-1800 UTC on 05 Feb which was attributed to the subsiding influence of the negative polarity CH HSS.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 09 FEBRUARY - 07 MARCH 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at predominately low to moderate levels throughout the period with only low levels of solar activity expected for 14-15 Feb. Low to moderate solar activity is expected for the remainder of the period as Region 2280 (S07, L=283) continues its transit of the visible disk and as Region 2268 (S11, L=048) and Region 2277 (N08, L=330) return on 16 Feb and 22 Feb, respectively. Regions 2268 and 2277 were previously credited with R1 (Minor) radio blackout event production during their previous appearance to the visible disk.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to reach moderate levels on 09-11, 17, 19-21, and 25 Feb as well as 01 and 05-07 Mar with high levels anticipated on 02-04 Mar in response to coronal hole high speed stream (CH HSS) influence.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at predominately quiet to unsettled levels throughout the outlook period with periods of active conditions expected on 15, 17, 22-23 Feb and 02 Mar with isolated periods of G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm conditions likely on 28 Feb and 01 Mar, all due to recurrent CH HSS effects.

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# 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table

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| # UTC       | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
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| # Date      | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
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| 2015 Feb 10 | 150        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 11 | 150        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 12 | 145        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 13 | 140        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 14 | 140        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 Feb 15 | 145        | 12        | 4        |

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| 2015 Feb 17 | 155 | 12 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 18 | 155 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 19 | 150 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 20 | 145 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 21 | 140 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Feb 22 | 140 | 15 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 23 | 145 | 12 | 4 |
| 2015 Feb 24 | 145 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 25 | 145 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 26 | 145 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 27 | 150 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Feb 28 | 150 | 20 | 5 |
| 2015 Mar 01 | 145 | 20 | 5 |
| 2015 Mar 02 | 140 | 15 | 4 |
| 2015 Mar 03 | 140 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Mar 04 | 140 | 10 | 3 |
| 2015 Mar 05 | 140 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Mar 06 | 140 | 5  | 2 |
| 2015 Mar 07 | 140 | 8  | 3 |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1760, DXLD)

PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM GLENN FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS AS OF FEB 12

[note: there will be no report next week due to Chinese New Year]

IPS in Australia calls for normal global HF propagation, with a chance of shortwave fadeouts.

Spaceweather South Africa thru Feb 14: magnetic conditions quiet to unsettled; shortwave fadeouts unlikely; MUF unstable.

Met Office UK 4-day: forecast: a 30% chance of moderate class flares. Geomagnetic activity quiet to unsettled, and a chance of minor storm conditions Feb 14 and 15 from a Coronal Hole High Speed Stream.

From F K Janda in Prague, Geomagnetic field will be:  
 quiet to unsettled February 13, 21 - 22, 24  
 mostly quiet on February 14 - 15, 20, 25 - 26, March 4  
 quiet on February 16, 19  
 active to disturbed on February 17, 27, March 1  
 quiet to active on February 18, 23, 28, March 3  
 disturbed on February 27, March 2

From SWPC in Boulder:

Geomagnetic field activity predominately quiet to unsettled with periods of active conditions February 15, 17, 22-23 and March 2, isolated periods of G1 (Minor) geomagnetic storm conditions likely on Feb 28 and Mar 1 with A and K indices peaking at 20 and 5. Lowest

indices of 5 and 2 on Feb 16, 20 and 21. Solar flux reaching 155 Feb 17 and 18; dipping to 140 on Feb 21 and 22.

Bill Hepburn's VHF UHF DX maps show extreme tropospheric ducting along the coast of Liberia on February 13. Off central Chile on Feb 14; off the coast of Namibia and Angola February 14 and 15; and all week off northwestern Australia (via DXLD)

#### TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING +++++

A propósito desta "RB2", em 04/2, o Glenn Hauser comentou, no seu boletim DXLD 15-05:

"Enlivening?? I can't think of anything more boring than Rosary and other Catholic liturgy, which is the same rote stuff over and over and over and over and over and over, --- even if you believe it (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)"

Bom, essa ladainha t,,o ao gosto (?) dos católicos É uma das formas de poluição do Éter, a par de tudo o que vem do Quitaio, das patéticas das estas ditas mission·rias, que usam propaganda religiosa para escamotear algo mais, e dessa outra peste do Éter que constitui a propaganda religiosa cor,nica, mormente durante os longos e enfadados períodos em que mais parece estarmos a ouvir balir. Pena que n,,o sejam apenas três: teríamos uma singela trindade, para usar determinada terminologia, mas o Quitaio vem estragar tudo... ou emprestar um parente ‡ santa trindade poluidora. 73, (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ``Quitaio`` alludes to China, as in Russian ###